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Trade unionists, could have had no notion of the extent of the fall in living standards that would take place when phase two was negotiated last spring. As a result, steadily rising prices over the next few months seem certain to stiffen the resistance to a further year of pay res-

The rise in wholesale prices last month is partly explained by three special factors—the annual bunching of price increases at the start of the year; the increased duty on alcoholic drinks and tobacco, announced in the Chancellor's December economic measures; and the sharp rise in food and the sharp rise in food prices. Each of these factors contributed about ‡ per cent of the total 3.2 per cent increase.

But, although the extent of this rise was thus exceptional, there has been a steady in-crease in the pace of factory-gate price inflation. The rise in the wholesale price index of 19.6 per cent over the 12 months to January, compares with rises of 17.7 and 16.9 per cent in the 12-month periods to December and November respectively.

On this basis, inflation has been rising since last July, when the 12-month rise was

when the 12-month rise was down to 14.7 per cent. The olace the phase res in July.

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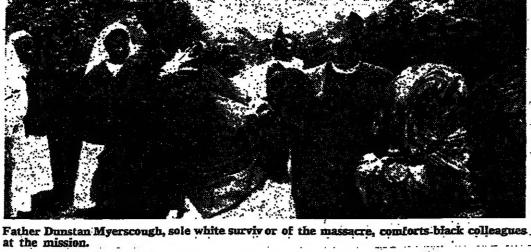
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He said the Soviet Govern-ment had been told of official American concern, prior to the release of the statement here. Today's statement follows the deliberately retalizatory expul-sion from Washington of a Tass correspondent in return for the expulsion from Moscow of Mr George Krimsky of the Associ-

The Soviet Embassy here has called his expulsion a violation of the Helsinki accords."
It alleged that Mr Krimsky had le Secretary of been engaged in illegal activity,
Mr Ginsburg including currency violations.



Rhodesians stunned by massacre of seven white missionaries

From Frederick Cleary Salisbury, Feb 7 Rhodesians of all races re-acted with horror today to the news that seven white Roman Catholic missionaries have been murdered by guernillas at a mission only 30 miles north of

salisbury.

According to a surviving eyewitness, two priests, a lay
brother end four nuns were
lined up by a gang on Sunday
night at St Paul's mission.

Musarii and stunned door. The night at St Paul's mission, Musami, and gunned down. The seven dead were: Father Martin Thomas, aged 45; Father Christopher Sheppard-Smith, aged 34; Brother John Conway, aged 57; Sister Magdalena Christa Lavabossky, aged 42; Sister Cesious Anna Suegler, aged 59; Sister Joseph Paulina Wilkinson, aged 58; and Sister Epiphany Bertha Schneider, aged 73.

The massacre took piace at about 10 pm when a gang of 12

about 10 pm when a gang of 12 guerrillas entered the mission. The African staff were ignored only the whites were rounded

Father Dunstan Myerscough, who survived the shooting, told journalists today: "They gave no reason why they were doing this to us. One of the sisters asked them what they wanted and one replied: 'We want our

"The 12 guerrillas then argued as to who should do the killing. One came forward and

same. Eventually three forward and the others

their guns and opened fire. As soon as it started, I threw myself to the ground. I don't know how long the burst lasted. I beard the guerrillas running away. I looked at the others on the ground and I knew there was nothing I could do for

Superintendent John Potter, the policeman in charge of the Musand mission area, said it was a miracle that Father Myerscough was not killed. He was standing in the centre of the group, God knows why he was not hit. The police collected 111 shells from a machine gun and assault rifles. Superintendent Potter said

the killers were members of the Zimbabwe African National Union, under the alleged control of Mr Robert Mugabe, but he doubted if the gang had been under instruction to kill the white missionaries. "They seem to do their own thing". As the bodies of the mission-

aries were taken from the road and placed in a lorry bound for Selisbury, a black mission work screamed out: "My priest My Mgr Patrick Chapaika, the

were fine servants of the African people. I grieve for them their relatives and the bereaved of the area where they worked

"I condemn this evil act just as the Catholic bishops have repeatedly condemned all vio-lent action that has taken place against the innocent in the course of the struggle now being waged in this country."

accused the Rhodesian Army of killing the missionaries. A broadcast said: "The murders are the latest in a series car-ried out by the Rhodesian racist forces against the clergy in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

"The Smith regime has every resson to eliminate the church leaders. They stay amongst the people. They see every day the arrocities that the fascists carry out on the struggling masses of Zim-babwe." The killings were be-lieved to have been carried out by a Rhodesian unit called the of violence . . . and prays tehat a stable peace in justice may reign in all the area affected by this atrocious deed."

Church's dilemma, page



Left to right: Father Thomas, Father Sheppard-Smith, Sister Wilkinson, Brother Conway.

Poison dust in school near Seveso

Seveso, Feb 7.—Concentra-tions of dioxin 17 times higher than the medically tolerable limits have been found in a gymnasium and cloakrooms at gymnasium and cloakrooms at a primary school near Seveso, it was reported today. The area had been officially described as "clean" after the poison cloud disaster in the

poison cloud disaster in the region last July.

According to the Turin newspaper La Stampa, more and more children complain of skin rashes caused by exposure to the defoliant chemical which settled in a dust cloud over the town after an explosion at a chemical plant near

La Stampa said that 52 children at one elementary school were now affected. Twenty-five other children are already under medical observa-

tion.

The primary school where traces of dioxin were found had been used after the disas-

Soviet cosmonauts likely to board space laboratory

Moscow, Feb 7.—The Soviet sion, Soyuz 23, ended in fail-Union today launched two ure. The spacecraft was unable cosmonauts into orbit on board a spaceship which was a spaceship which was ous return to Earth after only expected to dock with the laboratory Salyut 5 two-man transfer only two days in orbit.

The Soyuz 21 crew spent 48

space laboratory Salyut 5 within the next two days. The new craft, the Soyuz 24, blasted off from the Balkonur cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia, Tass said.

days on board the Salyut and Soviet press reports hinted that they ended their mission osmodrome in Soviet Central then because of the psychologi-isia, Tass said.

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Princess's airport visit off

Anne to open a £700,000 ani apron service insist that, after mal quarantine centre at delivering animals to the Heathrow airport. RSPCA hostel at Heathrow for

Because of the dispute, between rival groups of drivers to do so to the new quarantine employed by British Airways,
Princess Anne has been advised not to attend tomoradvised not to attend tomorthe motor transport unit say advised not to attend tomorrow's ceremony. Buckingham the job is theirs because the
Palace, in a brief statement route takes delivery men on to ter as a first aid centre. The school would probably be closed.—Agence France-Presse. Palace, in a brief statement route takes delivery men on to announcing a change of plans, a short stretch of road technology. Said her place would be taken nically outside the airport

An inter-union wrangle over by Sir Robin Gillett, Lord a short sertch of road has Mayor of London... wrecked plans for Princess Members of British Airways'

Sir Harold replies to 'farrago of twisted facts', denies list was drawn up by Lady Falkender

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began yesterday as the former Prime Minister denied an allegation by Mr. Joe Haines, his former press secretary, that Lady Falkender

Evidence of acrimonious squabbles in the "kirchen Cabinet", as the small group of aides close to Sir Harold care to be known, emerged from different sources as Lady Falkender, his personal and private secretary, added to the controversy with criticism of Mr Haines.

In his book, The Politics of In this book, The Politics of Power, which is to be published next week, Mr Hanes maintains that Lady Falkender drew up the honours list on her own levender notepaper and that many of the peers and knights were her nominations.

Lady Falkender, formerly Mrs Marcia Williams, branded Mr Haines's claim yesterday as "wild and inaccurate" and criticized his behaviour during

when Mr Haines had the "dubi-ous distinction" of having a glass of whisky thrown over him by a colleague in Sir Harold's presence because of the "abusive language" he had used. She also referred to Mr. Haines's breaking a telephone

Lady Falkender, who was made a life peeress in 1974 after working as Sir Harold's personal and political secretary since 1956, issued her statement on two pages of House of Commons notepaper with lines drawn through the emblem. After spending 45 minutes at Eady Falkender's London home

later Sir Harold issued a state-ment dismissing the Haines revelation as a farrago of twisted facts and alleged But there was later confirma-tion of squabbles in the "kit-chen Cabinet." from Mr George

vious honours lists. Sir Harold, who resigned last March, was criticized by left-wing and other Labour MPs about his resignation list after weeks of speculation and rumour caused by a leak to The Sunday Times of some of

said:
The statements printed in today's Daily Mirror [which is serializing Mr Haines's book] are a set of so-called revelations, most of those printed so far representing a farrage of twisted facts and alleged events that did not happen except in fewered imagination—obviously a dedicated hatchet job. I have never been accused of having a poor memory, and they did not occur.
The statements about the Resignation Honours list, and reproduced in other papers; are false. The facts are as I set them out in a pres statement and two telephone interviews last June. The list was drawn up by me, apart

phone interviews last June. The list was drawn up by me, apart from some names suggested by Transport House at my request, and written down by Lady Falkender. The other names were written by me on a card in a notecase I always carry with me. The rand still exists.

Lady Falkender: Attack on

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

Few collectors are in a posi-tion to raise £750,000 by slim-ing down their porcelain col-lection but that is Christie's

rough estimate for a sale of superb European porcelain which it announced yesterday.

The sale, to take place on

Monday, March 28, is billed as

but the source was a closely guarded secret yesterday.

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I was authoritatively told that, in addition, the typed document which formed the basis for the main story in a Sunday newspaper was itself prepared two days after we had left Downing Street. Joe Haines could not have known of this since, presumably, he had no continuing contact in number 10. The list was mine and at all times prepared by me. It is true that from time to time, though not on this occasion, I invited suggestions from a mumber of people at from a mumber of people at mumber 10. Over the years Joe Haines suggested far more names for inclusion in successive lists than Lady Falkender. The remarkable thing is the timing. Most of the alleged Num-

write a book in the three and a half years we were in opposition in 1970-74, when I kept Joe Haines on, paying his salary out

in 1976. I could not have afforded anything like his previous afforded abything like his previous salary. I did, however, speak on his behalf, after leaving Number 10, to the head of a large newspaper publishing business, who agreed to offer him a press job of considerable respectability. Shortly after Easter the man in question told me he had heard rumours of the forthcoming book and said that if this was true it would noint a degree of dieit would point a degree of dis-loyalty he would not care to have in his organization.

If Joe wanted a peg on which to criticize me, he could have done it more simply and briefly. I have more than once said I have made

more than once and I have made two or three appointments which turned out badly. In the case of Joe Haines, I loyally backed him when he was under attack by pressmen, some-times with justification. The charge of expecting a correspondcharge of expecting a corres-ing loyalty in return is o Continued on page 2, col 2

be intense and an average

price of about £20,000 a figure is expected. The pair of figures and Harlequin and Lalage were acquired at auction back in 1954 for £11,130.

The collection is extraor

dinarily rich in pieces made for the Prussian monarch whose enthusiasm brought the

Meissen factory into existence, and carrying the Augustus Rex

at auction in toto in London

It includes the only known

over the past 10 years.

Israel bars Rare porcelain sale UN from Middle East peace talks

Tel Aviv, Feb 7.—Mr Yigal Allon, the Poreign Minister, said today that Israel has no intention of giving the United Nations any role in Middle East peace negotiations,

His statement came only

days before D Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General, arrives in Israel during his Middle East Israel during his Middle East tour to discuss reconvening the Geneva peace conference.

Mr Ailon said: "Mr Cyrus Vance (the United States Secretary of State), is a co-chairman of the Geneva peace conference, and Israel considers the United States the only mediator in the Middle East conflict.

"We shall receive Dr Waldheim here with all the borour.

heim here with all the homour due his position, but I cannot see how the United Nations can operate in making peace in the Middle East when the General Assembly adopts recommenda-tions which are in direct contradiction to Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 (which form the basis for the Geneva conference).

Mr Allon said that yesterday he had summoned the United States Charge d'Affaires in Israel to discuss with him the situation in southern Lebannon. He said Israel wanted Mr Vance to know before his arrival here regarded the situation.

Israel is protesting at the presence of Syrian troops on the outskirts of Nabatiyeh,

Mr Allon was speaking before leaving for Brussels, where he hopes to meet his French counterpart, M Louis de Guiringaud, to resolve differences over France's release of the Palestinian guerrilla leader, Mr Abu Daoud, last month.— Reuter. Waldheim setback, page 8

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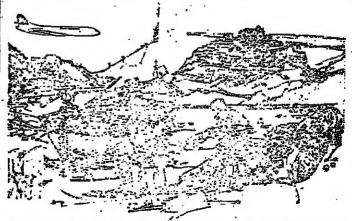
the first of a two-part dispersal mark. The sale includes more on behalf of "a noted Euro-superbly decorated vases of pean collector". It is believed this mark than have appeared to be a Rothschild collection at auction in toto in London

The great strength of the set of plates with the genuine sale lies among the German marks. There is a superb factories with many unique or rare items. The greatest inbasin, the fountain modelled terest will unquestionably be by the great J. G. Kirchner

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GEC joining £1.5m plan for ent has "no in-ng back on its introduce legis-et elections to Meriden rescue

The Meriden motor cycle cooperative is to get a f1.5m cash injection, with GEC putting up f1m and the Government the rest. GEC will take over the cooperative's stock of completed motor cycles until they are sold, and will provide some technical, management and marketing expertise. The Government's contribution will be used to buy the worldwide marketing rights from it session, Mr has divided 1 sides of the red MPs that the worldwide marketing rights from Norton Villiers Triumph Page 19

Torture' admitted

In a submission to the European Court of Human Rights Britain admitted publicly that interrogation techniques used in Northern Ireland more than five years ago amounted to torture and inhuman treatment in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights Page 2

India frees detainee

The Indian Government released Mr. Raj Narain, the Socialist leader detained since June, 1975, who two years ago challenged in a court action the election to Parliament of Mrs. Gandhi, the Prime Minister Page 8 report, page 6 article, page 17

Doctors divided on vaccine risk

A Commons statement on whooping cough vaccine is not expected to silence critics who maintain that vaccination in the first or second year of life may lead to acute illness, causing brain damage and severe mental and physical handicap. Doctors are divided about the vaccine's safety

Army role in Spain

Lieutenant-General Gutierrez Mellado, the Spanish Depury Prime Minister for Defence, said in Seville that the Army was ready to help the police in stamp-ing out violence. He has received a message from the kidnapped Lieutenant General Villaescusa.

No TV fee warning There is to be no early warning of increases in television licence fees.

Licences are expected to rise this year, possibly in April. The new procedure is to eliminate the taling out of overlapping licences at the cheaper rate £135 miners' claim Nottinghamshire miners are expected

to vote today to withdraw support from

the social contract and in favour of a. wage claim of £135 a week for face

Embittered managers Managers in British industry are "embittered, demoralized and demoti-

vated ", according to a survey by Opinion Research Centre. The report says high taxation, narrowing differentials, the wage freeze and inflation have combined to undermine managers authority and enthusiasm Page 19 Laureate's reply: Sir John Betjeman, upset by criticism of his jubilee hynn, says hymns for singing should not be judsed as poems Data protection: Individuals should be

while to examine, challenge and correct data bank information, the National Council for Civil Liberties says, France: President Giscard d'Estaing tries to refurbish his national image on tour of Brittany 7 Death penalty: Two-thirds of Americans polled are now in favour of capital

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Nottinghamshire pit men ready to claim £135 for face workers

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The traditionally moderate Nortinghamshire miners are about to withdraw support for the social contract and to aim at wage increases of more than 90 per cent next autumn.

Delegates to a National Union of Mineworkers' conference at Sutton-in-Ashfield will vote to-day on two resolutions seeking 35 a week for face workers and an end to wage restraint when phase two of the income policy ends in less than six months time. When the pay claim was debated yesterday no one spoke against it.
Mr Joseph Whelan, commun-

ist financial secretary of the Nottinghamshire NUM, who wound up the pay debate, said last night: "If the mood of this conference is anything to go by the social contract is

But too much ought not to be read into the newly expressed militancy in the coalfield, although the fact that both resolutions oppose a further year of tight wage curbs is likely to cause the TUC anxiety when union leaders are enter-ing into talks about the future of the incomes policy.
"As Mr Leonard Clarke, the

area's moderate president, warned the conference yesterday, it is still a long way from getting £135 a week for face workers accepted as official aion policy. The resolution on pay, which

is a summary of six motions put forward on the issue, was moved by Babington colliery, and calls on the NUM national conference in July to seek to achieve £135 a week for the highest paid men underground, and if necessary to pursue "all forms of industrial action" in support of the demand.

The movers want the new rates, which would practically worker, who now gets £67 a another sex film.

Local fears

auditor role

MPs were told yesterday that he "inquisitorial attitude" of

central government towards local authority spending was in-creasingly undermining local

As the Cabinet approaches a

decision on the reform of local government finance in the light

of the Layfield committee's report, the general subcom-mittee of the Commons Select

Committee on Expenditure heard evidence that district

auditors from the Department of the Environment had instruc-

tions to go beyond their tradi-tional role of checking the propriety of local authority

Chief Executives said that if auditors continued to investigate questions of efficiency and value for money, with the possibility of further powers under the Layfield proposals, "the audit service will be able to challenge more and more the very nature of policies decided by elected members of councils." The result will be the substantial dilution of local democracy by central bureaucracy and an increasing sapping of public confidence in the powers and competence of local

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on district

By Peter Hennessy

democracy.

week, to operate from November, the traditional starting date for wage agreements in the industry until the 1972 strike. Indexation of future pay deals to keep wages in line with the rising cost of living is proposed.

The resolution critical of TUC-Government relationships is likely to be moved this morning by Mr Frank Haines, of Chipstone colliery. It is also a summary of six resolutions and dismisses the Government's economic policies as an "abys-mal failure". It says they have lowered living standards, lead-ing to disillusion among Labour working class voters, and are paving the way for a "disastrous Tory government".

The resolution says: "We

oppose any further extension of statutory incomes policy and demand that when Phase Two of the contract ends there will be a return to free collective bargaining within the coalmining industry so as to reestablish as soon as possible the purchasing power the miner achieved immediately after the 1974

The resolution suggests consulting the men about industrial action if the objective is not

Both resolutions are expected to be approved by a majority of the 296 delegates representing 34,000 pitworkers in the country's second largest coal-field. Under the Nottinghamhire miners' constitution the three resolutions that attract the largest "Yes" vote go to a branch ballot before being sent off for inclusion in the agenda of the national conference, but that is usually a formality.

Sex film man's visit

Jens Jurgen Thorsen, whose plan for a film about the sex life of Jesus Christ led to many protests, is due to arrive in

inquiry over Belvoir reserves

By Our Political Staff Discovery of immense coal reserves in the Vale of Belvoir, which spreads from south Nottinghamshire into Leicestershire, makes necessary a new

democratic procedure to settle the dispute between the National Coal Board and environmentalists, Mr Tom King, opposition spokesman on energy, said in London yester-

He argued that there should be a wider planning inquiry in which the NCB application would cover the local planning aspects as well as their fundamental energy policy for coalextraction.

"Such a procedure", he said, "is an essential requirement to ensure that proper democratic procedures are followed in such a crucial plan-ning decision." But the inquiry should not be so protracted as to provide a means of killing the project, whatever the findings might be.

Behind the scenes at Westminster it is known that the detailed proposals for the Vale of Belvoir are still being considered. Nor has it been made generally known that the Belvoir coal is of such a quality that it would be useful only for power plants, Some experts believe that there is no likelihood of seams being opened in the vale until the end of the

century.

But local anxieties would be much relieved if the NCB made clear soon what its probably intentions are, and if the Department of the Environment confirmed that any public inquiry would be conducted on more than local ducted on more than local

|Call to widen | Britain admits that interrogation was torture

From Christopher Walker Strasbourg

Rights.

The British Government yesterday admitted publicly that interrogation techniques practised in Ulster more than five years ago amounted to torture and inhuman treatment in breach of article 3 of the European Convention on Human

The admission was contained in a 150-page memorial sub-mitted to the first open hear-ing by the European Court of Human Rights of a case between two states in its 18 years' history. It arose directly out of allegations made against the British Government and the security forces for their actions in the months after internment in Northern Ireland.

The British document was published in Strasbourg yester-day with two others submitted

Martin Joseph O'Connell, aged 25, one of the four accu-sed Irishmen in the Balcombe

sed Irishmen in the Balcombe Street siege trial at the Central Criminal Court, said in a statement from the dock yesterday that "four totally immocent people — Carol Richardson, Gerald Conlon, Paul Hill and Patrick Armstrong—are serving massive sentences for three bombings, two at Guildford, Surrey, and one at Woolwich, London, for which I and another man, now sentenced, had admitted our paris."

He said that three of them in

He said that three of them in the dock and the other man, now sentenced, had admitted responsibility for the Woolwich

tic Prosecutions had been sware of those admissions but had chosen to do nothing.

Mr O'Connell, Edward Butler,

separately by the Republic of connexion with the interrogation Ireland Government and the human rights commission. They form the core of arguments to be made before the court: be made before the court; judgment will be given later this year.

A crucial section of British submission stated: The United Kingdom Government accordingly do not contest the facts as found by the commission in relation to the allegations under article 3 or the commission's analysis of those facts or the commission's conclusions.

I That the combined use of the five techniques of interrogation constituted a practice of inhuman treatment and torture in breach of article 3. 2 That further violations of article 3 occurred by inhuman treatment

of 11 named persons at the hands

speech.

Mr O'Connell said the court

had attempted to isolate certain incidents, which had been called crimes. Those incidents had

been put outside the context in which they occurred in a way

that was neither just nor con-sistent with truth. The true con-

text, he said, was the relation-ship between Britain and Ire-

land, one of war against the occupation of Ireland by Britain.

occupation of Ireland by Britain.
He referred to evidence given
by Mr Higgs, the chief scientific officer, Mr Lidstone, the explosives officer, and Commander
James Nevill, head of the bomb
squad. He said they had admitted that the Woolwich bombing

formed part of a related series; yet in the Guildford and Wool-wich bomb trial that fact was deliberately concealed and they

were made to appear as part of

a series of bombings carried our

between October and December,

He went on to refer to "this

shifty manoeuvring and said:
"Time and again in Irish poli-

tical trials in this country inno-

3 That there existed at Palace Barracks, Holywood, in the autumn of 1971, a practice in

Innocent people jailed for bombings, accused man says

In spite of that decision -

senior British government sources indicated last night, senior any attempt by the Dublin Government to prosecute individual soldiers and policemen would be strongly resisted.

Publication of the Dublin

submission to the court was delayed while three names were hastily deleted by Euro-pean officials for security reasons. The last-minute hitch indicated the difficulties that have beset the case from the start because of fears of re-taliation by "loyalist" and re-publican extremists in Northern

The most significant section

The judge asked the court shorthand writer for a transcript

of Mr O'Connell's statement for

his summing-up.

Mr Richard Harvey, for the defence of Mr O'Connell, also-

asked for a copy, and the judge asked: "What do you want it for, as a memento?" Mr Harvey replied: "I re-

gard that remark in rather bad

taste." He said he wished to check that the judge, when sum-

ming up, had fairly put the case for the defendant. The judge

agreed that that was a proper

Earlier, it was stated that Mr Butler had told detectives

that when the IRA truce ended

in August, 1975, he had orders from GHQ to change tactics and kill. Asked if that was GHQ

Dublin, he had replied: Wherever it was based."

Mr Peter Imbert, formerly the bomb squad and now

assistant Chief Constable of Surrey, said that when asked

whose idea it was to kill people like Mr Ross McWhirter, Mr

Yard bor phorma suspect is charge in D.-L. its original claims against Britain to the limit. It asked the court to decide that "a substantial number of other acts of torture" had been committed between 1971 and 1974 to those already pronounced on by the commission. That attempt to widen proceedings took some Strasbourg officials by surprise.

Britain is accused of breaching five articles of the Convention. In its report the commission upheld those covering torture and inhuman treatment, but rejected others, including the Irish claim that interoment had discriminated against Ulster's Roman Catholic Ulster's

The Dublin government indi-cated yesterday that it would seek to persuade the court to overthrow the initial findings under those headings on which of Dublin's submission demon-strated that it intends to push Britain was found not guilty.

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Mr Justice Liam cluded its case. Several times cent people have been convicted he was warned by Mr Justice on the filmsiest of evidence, plied: "We were given certain often on no more than verbals scope to operate in." Asked if from the police." and set his trial for .

Murder charge: A be charged shortly murder of Mr Jeff the Du Pour execut former Prime Minister, he had said: "Certain scope." He added: "Within that certain home in Londondern nesday, the Royal (stabulary said yestern Reporter writes). Sergeant Leslie Sprankling, of Hampshire police, said Mr Butler fold him that he and his colleagues knew about the 400lb

Dr Joseph Hendri ing member of the Sc cratic and Labour I plained yesterday at ill-treatment of for derry men while being questioned at (police station, the ma Some of the explosives had been delivered to his flat in Crouch Hill, London, in washgation centre for serin connexion with d

made at the flat in Fairholme Road, Loudon. He knew who "Secret army": McQuade, a former U at Stormont, said yes a secret army with i made it but was not going to The four defendants walked to seek our and d Provisional IRA had I in Northern Ireland out half an hour before the court rose. Mr O'Connell demanded to be taken to the cells. Association reports), rained more than 500 men. This is a ch Mr Butler and Mr Duggan said they wished to take no further part in "the farce". Mr Doherty followed them to the the Provisionals. We women and children what is necessary fo the Provisio fence of our country

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reply to

By Penny Symon.

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whether donated during your lifetime or by legacy.

Mr O'Connell, Edward Buder, aged 28, Henry Duggan, aged 24, and Hugh Doherty, aged 26, have refused to plead to 25 charges, including murder, bombing, shooting and kidnapping. Not guilty pleas have been entered on their behalf. Mr O'Connell made his statement on behalf of the four of them to be a four or them. them after the Crown had conterms of reference. Storm breaks over honours list

Continued from page 1

I do not presently intend to comment on each day's serialization, but reserve the right to comment at the end.

Angry exchanges between Sir Harold and Lady Falkender were confirmed by Mr Caunt, committee secretary in the Commons for the Parliamentary Labour Party from 1955 to

Mr Caunt, who organized Sir Harold's election tours in 1964, 1966 and 1970, contended that in 1970 the bonours list say on Lady Falkender's desk for some time before it was published. He told me: I expected something like joe Haines's revelations for some time. These things cannot lie under covers. From what I know of which becomes a like the like

of what happened over the 1970 list it is more than likely she had a hand in the later recommendations. I do not think that Joe Hames's account of what happened to the 1976 list is outaccounting.

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rageous.

I found it increasingly difficult to work with Lady Falkender. She is very highly strang and thinks she knows everything. She has a great loyalty to Sir Harold, but they never stopped quarrelling. She really dominated him and he depended on her a great deal. There was an uncanny relationship between them, an uncanny rapport. People went in fear of her because she could be very angry.

angry.

I did not know Joe Haines so well, but he had incessant quarrels with Marcia.

Lord Kagan, who received a life peerage in the 1976 Resig-

namon Honours, said he thought it unlikely that Lady Falkender drew up the list.

He said: "I think Sir Harold did it himself. You don't tell a Prime Minister, what to do. Lady Falkender is a competent and brilliant woman, but it corder for members of the sounds very odd to me to see

sounds very odd to me to say that she drew up the kst."

In spite of the denials by Sir Harold Wilson and Lady Sir Harold Wilson and Lady Falkender, Mr Haines said last night: "I stick by my story."

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, Conservative MP for Kinross and West Perthshire, called for a royal commission into the affair, saying: "Either Sir Harold employs staff who lied, or he lied himself.

"Either is a matter of major concern, involving the conduct of affairs at the highest level." Our Political Staff writes: Mr

Our Political Staff writes: Mr notepaper, the Speaker replied: Jeffrey Rooker, Labour MP for "I have never tried".

the Speaker whether it was in order for members of the House of Lords to misuse House of Commons notepaper. It was announced at 1 pm, he said, that a peer of the realm used crested House of Commons

Lady Falkender's statement to press

Lady Felkender issued a state- down for him in the Prime Minisment yesterday from her Lou-don frome. The statement, which was handed to reporters,

has been explained to you, I am to bed with a slipped disc. I have no comment to make on Mr Haines's wild and intemperate statements. Probably he feels such sensationalism will sell his

book.

I will add only two things as way of illustration of him. Mr. Hesines has the dublous distinction of having had a glass of whister thrown all over him by a colleague in a meeting at which the Prime Minister was present, because of the abusive and intemperate language he had used. I rescuel his cost and cleaned it

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By a Staff Reporter

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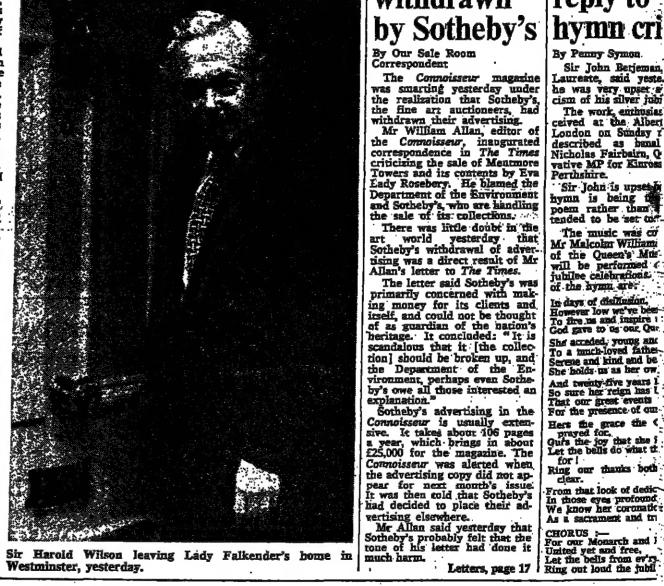
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Mr Haines also had the added dubious distinction of having broken a celephone receiver because of the strength of his temper, when he had finished a call to a member of the press. But Mr. Heiner often had en un-happy manner with his press col-

heappy manner with his press col-leagues.

I am sorry Mr Hoines feit he had to write as he did. His state-ments are wild and insecurate and reflect poorly upon someone who was supposed to be a loyal and trusted: adviser to Sir Harold Wilson.

The statement was handed to reporters by Lady Faikender's sister, Miss Pessy Field, who was made MBE in Sir Harold's



withdrawn by Sotheby's hymn cri By Our Sale Room The Connoisseur magazine

The trial continues today.

Advertising

was smarting yesterday under the realization that Sotheby's, the fine art auctioneers, had withdrawn their advertising. Mr William Allan, editor of the Connoisseur, inaugurated correspondence in The Times criticizing the sale of Mentmore Towers and its contents by Eva Lady Rosebery. He blamed the Department of the Environment and Sotheby's, who are handling the sale of its collections.

There was little doubt in the art world yesterday that Sotheby's withdrawal of adverpising was a direct result of Mr Allan's letter to The Times. The letter said Sotheby's was

primarily concerned with mak ing money for its clients and itself, and could not be thought of as guardian of the nation's beritage. It concluded: "It is scandalous that it [the collec-tion] should be broken up, and the Department of the Environment, perhaps even Sothe-by's owe all those interested an Sotheby's advertising in the

Connoisseur is usually extensive. It takes about 106 pages a year, which brings in about 225,000 for the magazine. The Connoisseur was alerted when the advertising copy did not appear for next month's issue. It was then cold that Sotheby's had decided to place their ad-

"Give them

says Wilfred Pickles

I have to admit I'm beginning to realise what it's like to be old. But thank God, at 72, I don't have to "exist" like thousands of elderly folks—lonely all day, now to do but sit, and wish there was somewhere to go. And wish for a bit of help handy, so that regular treatment didn't mean

If you're a lucky one like me, then give 'em the money at Help the Aged. No one uses it better for old folk who need help most.

A legacy to Heip the Aged achieves something remark-

Gifts to charity up to £100,000 are now free of tax,

Helpful booklets on wills and the saving which can be made on "Gift Tax", together with the annual report will gladly be sent on request, to you or your legal or financial advisers. (A simple form of codicil to add to a will is also available.) Please write to: Hon. Treasurer, the Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the Aged, Room T7L, 8 Denman Street, London W1A 2AP.

A.£150 perpetuates the name of someone dear to you on the Dedication Plaque of a Day Centre.

Water authority's Warning on minor role of Scots MPs after devolution

Concern about the part a Welsh assembly would play in water management are affecting plans to create one of Europe's largest reservoirs, in the Elan valley of Mid Wales.

The Wales National Water The Welsh National Water Authority and the Severn-Trent River Authority have agreed to increase the size of the Craig Goch Reservoir to create a 2,000-acre lake. The He told party members in Perth that an assembly on the lines proposed would give Scot-tish MPs no voice in Scottish scheme would serve the Mid-lands and South Wales. lands and South Wales.

But the Severn-Trent auchority yesterday expressed concern about the possible powers a Welsh assembly might have over water supplies. A statement after the two authorities had met said urgent steps would be taken to reduce uncertainty. affairs, since those matters would be for the assembly; and they would soon have no say in English affairs, since that must be a corollary.

From Ronald Faux

Edinburgh

The role of Scottish MPs would be diminished and endangered after devolution, Mr Michael Andram, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland and prospective parliamentary candidate for Edinburgh, South, said yesterday.

He told party members in Perth that an assembly on the lines proposed would give Scottish MPs in Scottish National Party yesterday challenged the Government to make the guillotine

enument to make the guillotine motion on the Scotland and Wales Bill an issue of confidence.

Mr George Reid, joint SNP parliamentary spokesman on devokution, said in Edinburgh that the prime aim of SNP MPs if the guillotine motion failed would be to bring the Government down.

Aid rebuff for the homeless young

. Mr Ancram said the Secre-tary of State, if he was retained at all, would be a minister with-

out a role, The likelihood of

By Penny Symon and Peter Godfrey

The Government has admitted that it is not prepared to implement the recommendations of a report it initiated 18

months ago and which revealed the plight of thousands of homeless young people in London.

Mr Deakins, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, has said in a letter to the Campaign for the Homeless and Rootless that the Government is not able to offer any financial help to alleviate the serious difficulties

difficulties over some of the proposals which we thought might be implemented without too much difficulty", he wrote.

The report, by an inter-departmental working party, was published last July, after repeated delays which caused anger in the Commons. The anger in the Commons. The working party was set up as a response to the Yorkshire Television film Johnny Go Home, screened in July, 1975, which showed the difficulties faced by young people who tried to escape from unhappy homes, employment and educational failure.

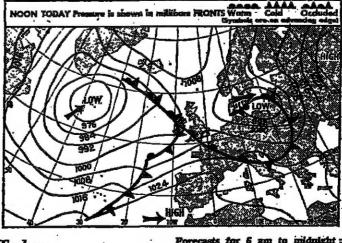
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"We must recognize, however reluctantly, that priority for help must go to the most vulnerable, particularly families with dependent children, the elderly and those with some dis-

ability".

It is estimated that there are homeless young people in London. Miss Christine Chambers, coordinator of the New Horizon, youth centre in London, said: "We "I am afraid that, apart from the recommendations were the expenditure which make it very difficult for the Government to ask authorities to do more at the present time, we have en-

Weather forecast and recordings NOON TODAY



Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, E, NW, Central
N England, East Angisa, E Midlands, Lake District, Isle of Man,
SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland:
Bright, mostly dry at first, rain
later; wind SW, moderate; max
temp 3°C (46°F).
Central S, SW England, W Midlands, Channel Islands, Wales:
Rain, heavy at times, gradually
becoming dry; wind SW, strong,
becoming moderate; max temp
10°C (50°F).
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Central Today 5.3 pm Moon sets : Moon rises : 10.47 pm Last Quarter : February 11 Lighting up: 5.33 pm to 6.56 am

Eighting up: 5.33 pm to 6.56 am High water: London Bridge, 4.14 am, 7.5m (24.7ft); 4.41 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Avonmouth, 9.52 am, 13.5m (44.3ft); 10.14 pm, 13.1m (42.9ft). Dover, 1.21 am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 1.45 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Hull, 8.51 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 8.57 pm, 7.4m (24.4ft). Liverpool, 1.39 am, 9.3m (30.4ft); 1.52 pm, 9.5m (31.1ft).

A weak ridge of high pressure will give way to a frontal trough of low pressure moving slowly NE across many districts.

Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:
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Max temp.8°C (46°F). WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.



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hurgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NW Scotland; Sunny periods, mainly dry; wind variable, becoming SE, light; temp 8°C (46°F).

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The most important function of the new authority should be to license data banks containing nation held about any file or data to license data banks containing not only computerized data, but also manually stored informa-tion on identifiable individuals, the council says. In deciding d be against the terests of society.
Council for Civil today in eviwhether to grant or withdraw a licence the authority should he Government's

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consider:

1. The method of collecting information. "Bugging" and other surveillance devices should be illegal.

2. The relevance of the information. Information should not be maintained, for example, about a person's politics, religion or sexual activities, unless the organization involved is authorized to collect such information, or the information is directly relevant to the enforcement of the criminal law. mber of people ld be known, and ould be allowed to

aw. The accuracy of the informa-tion. An individual should have an enforceable right to see his own records, challenge their accuracy or relevance and correct

inaccurate information.

4. The time for which information is to be stored. Time limits should be prescribed when a licence is granted. Information should either be regularly up-

tion, for example, of the informa-tion. Unauthorized people should not have access to the informa-

tion.

6. Information should be used only for purposes to which the individual consents or that have

The council proposes that it hould be a criminal offence for data bank to withhold inforor knowingly provide false information; to operate without a licence; or to obtain

information by deception.

There should also be a new right of privacy, infringement of which should be actionable in the civil courts. The model for such a right could be found in the Bill introduced in 1970 by Mr Brian Walden, Labour MP for Birmingham, Ladywood,

it says. Individual privacy, evidence to the Data Protection Committee. (National Council for Civil Liberties, 136 King's Cross Road, London, WC1, 25p.)

Town halls question cost

The protection of the privacy the individual might be enormously costly and inconvenient, local government organizations have told the Data Protection Committee in evidence. The Local Authoriand Computer Committee (Lamsac), states that the suggestion in the White Paper that a person should be able to find out what had been done with information above him as with information about him or her "will seriously inhibit the

use of computers to process personal information Individuals should have the right to copies of their records, but at a suitable charge, Lamsac recommends. To Lamsac recommends. To obviate deliberate disruption by groups, provision should be made in the legislation for a reasonable period of res-

The guide suggests three

options for families who still cannot meet their mortgage

able to sell, and buy a smaller house within their reduced

means. That option is available

fits. Another option is to sell the house to a local authority

for a tenancy. A third way is to seek accommodation as a home-less family.

Right Guide for Home Owners, by Jo Tumard and Clare Whately (CPAG, 1 Mackin St., London, WC2B 5NH, or SEAC, 189A Old Brompton Rd., London, SW5 0AR;

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with idealistic rather than prac-tical origins to protect the privacy of personal informa-tion. Lamsac opposes an authority that would control personal information systems by granting and renewing licences. It favours one that could examine systems that it con-sidered most suspect.

The evidence is a light sub-

The evidence is a joint sub-mission by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Association of County Councils, Association of District Councils, and Convention of Scottish Local Authorities. There are about 300 computers installed in the 521 local authorities. About half the workload relates largely to personal in-formation for such purposes as student records and social ser-

Computers and Privacy—the Evidence of Local Government. (Lamsac, 3 Buckingham Gare, London SW1E 6JH, 52.)

People flee as fire menaces gas tanks

Thousands of people left homes, schools, shops and factories in Glasgow yesterday as fire threatened tanks holding a total of 300 tons of liquefied

propane gas.

The fire came after an accident at the British Oxygen Company's depot at Polmadie, on the South side of the city. Flames rose 100ft into the air during a loading operation as the gas was being pumped

from a 100 ton storage tank into a road tanker. The tanker driver, Mr Neil Fullerton, aged 41, was slightly injured. He was wearing an asbestos suit. The fire threatened another

The fire threatened another three storage tanks in the compound, each holding 100 tons of the liquid and standing 20 yards apart. More than two hundred workers in the factory were moved to safety.

Pupils were moved out of three schools in the area, among them a hundred handicapped children.

The police put a "major emergency" plan into action, and vaus toured an area within a thousand yards of the depot,

a thousand yards of the depot, telling people to leave. Vans helped old and infirm people, and ambulances stood by. Ten fire engines were at the scene. The emergency lasted for more than two hours.

Mr Alexander Steel, British Oxygen's regional marketing manager, promised an imme-diate inquiry. He said the safe-ty valves on the blazing tank, designed to prevent an explo-sion by venting the flame skywards, had worked properly. The Rev. Geoffrey Shaw convener of Strathclyde region who was at the scene, called for a public inquiry into the decision to locate the plant so close to homes. He said a relo-cation might have to be consi-

Damage was confined to the road tanker and the storage

Ferry strike settled

A strike that had been affect ing Anglo-Irish ferry sailings between Holyhead and Dun



Leading Wren Jenny Burns, Lance-Corporal Mary Allan and Flying Officer Anita Markham competing in the inter-Service shooting

MP fears uranium mining in Orkney

ing could be more vital to Orkney than devolution and a greater threat to the island way of life and landscape than oil ", Mr Grimond, MP for Orkney and Shetland, said before he flew to London from his constinuous vesterdey.

flew to London from his con-stituency yesterday.

His warning came on the eve of a meeting of the planning committee of Orkney Islands Council, which will discuss the application of the South of Scotland Electricity Board for permission to sink 11 test bor-ings for uranium on the west side of Orkney.

"I should do my best to see that the planning permission is

that the planning permission is refused unless very convincing reassurances are forthcoming from the South of Scotland Electricity Board", he said.

Students told by judge to leave offices

From Our Correspondent A student sin-in at the offices of Manchester Polytechnic must end by noon on Thursday Mr Justice Arnold ordered in the High Court in Manchester

vesterday. He was told staff were upset and incensed. All normal work had ceased on January 27, when they were excluded from their offices.

Ronald Yeo, chief administrative officer, in evidence, said those in occupation had been willing to let in staff to pay students' grants. He had rejected the

An application was made by Manchester City Council and the governors of the poly-technic against Mrs Elizabeth Barber, president of the Man-chester Polytechnic students' Union and all others improperly in occupation of the building in Lower Ormond

Cabbages sell at profit of about 59%

By Hugh Clayton
Trade profits on vegetables
may be as much as half the shop price, the Price Commissaid yesterday. Potatoes, the main target for accusations of profiteering, carry compara-

tively low margins.

The commission, in its first detailed report about a group of fresh vegetables, says, average margins on cabbage between September and October

last year were 59 per cent. It quoted an average shop price for cabbage of 10.2p a pound

"Most fruit and vegetables are sold by commission agents who sell on behalf of the grower", the Price Commission said. "Consequently in this report we are looking only at wholesale market prices and retailers' selling prices and the gross margins between the

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A year earlier the average gross margin on cabbage had been 51 per cent the average margin on carrots had fallen from 66 per cent late in 1975 to 58 per cent between Sep-

year. Carrots then sold in shops for 10.6p a pound, with a gross margin of 6.1p.

The gross margin on potatoes fell from 37 per cent in 1975 to 23 per cent late last year, when they sold for 11.0p a

pound with a cash margin of 2.5p. Shoppers bought fewer poratoes than usual last autumn and supplies were lower than before, the commission said. Stocks in November, 1976, were about the same as a

Defence says sex of enormous interest

From Our Correspondent

to everyone, Mr John Mortimer, QC, for the defence, said in an obscene publications trial at Leicester Crown Court yester-

day.
The magazine Libertine, run
Yelville, aged by Dr Arabella Melville, aged 28, and Colin Johnson, aged 37, is the subject of the trial, which

Scotland Yard's obscene publi- of the magazine Mr Johnson had cations squad on premises in

Dr Melville and Mr Johnson, both of Cavendish Road, Bron-desbury, London, have pleaded not guilty to three charges of having an obscene article for publication and gain. Mr David Barker, for the prosecution, said that when a police officer called at the shop

in Leicester and bought a copy

said: "This one's a rare col-lector's item. We'll be at the Old Bailey soon.' Mr Mortimer said: " Different people find different things

erotically stimulating. Everyone gets sexually aroused. Is someone who spends 75p on a magazine like Libertine more corrupt than someone who takes a per-son out for a £7.50 dinner?" The trial continues today.

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| Hybridity ruling expected next Monday reached, provided the family By Martin Huckerby The decision of the Examiners can show that it will be able to pay off arrears and make

to pay off arrears and make arrangements to meet its future commitments.

It advises how that can be done by negotiating new arrangements and by raising the family income by claiming every available welfare benefit.

The guide guggette three

The Government has become increasingly worried at the effect of the hearings in delay-ing the passage of the Aircraft Shipbuilding Industries

man of Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, who has been raking up most of the time, said on Friday that he would finish his submissions today.

Mr Bailey, who wants to stop his company from being nationalized, is trying with others to prove that the Bill is hybrid, that it includes companies which under the criteria laid down, ought not to be nationalized, while excluding others that ought to be listed.

Writ over lost trawlermen

The owners and builders of the Gaul, the Hull fishing trawler that disappeared off Norway three years ago with the loss of her crew of 36, are being sued in the High Court.

Allegations of negligence and breach of duty have been made by 11 relatives, mainly widows and parents, of the missing men against British United Trawlers

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Today the railway, run by a company and supported by its society, is one of the famous tourist attractions of Wales, and last year carried 220,000 passengers on its winding 10 miles of track through Snowdonian grandeur, from Portmadec to Ddugilt, four miles short of

The rescue of small steam railways has become something of a sub-culture in the past twenty years, and a very English one at that Some of the Englishmen who were drawn by the romance of the Festiniog and settled down, and seem the sert of intrepid people who, in the last century, might have gone to India to do good works for the Raj. og is a narrow-with little red The line opened vas subsequently

for the Kaj.

Over the years thousands of men have given up weekends and holidays to shift rock and rubble and help to maintain

equipment and stations. They would have a sharp retort to suggestions that they are boys with a toy train.

The railway has to meet high standards of maintenance and eafery and the pleasure and safety and the pleasure and nostalgia of steam engines work-ing in a romantic secting have to be balanced against hard work, the need to make an operating profit, and the bils and other demands of running a train

service.
"This is one of the largest ervice to Blaenau preservation projects in the people who have been help-Britain". Mr Allan Garraway, ing to dig through to Blaenau the line's general manager, over the years."

said. And I think people come to work voluntarily for the sense of excitement and achievement they get."

In relation to the Festiniog Railway, the word amateur is used in its best sense. The work of polunteers is viral but

work of volunteers is vital, but the line employs 50 full-time staff, more in the summer, and needs professionals for some of the large and difficult civil engineering works like bridges and tunnels.

The progress to Blaenau Ffestining has been made in the courts as well as in the mountains. With the last seccion of the line drowned, the railwaymen sought compensa-tion, and after a long legal battle won £100,000. A line is now being built to replace the one under the lake and could reach Blaenau next

In the push to Blaenau the railway has received a £100,000 grant from the Government's job-creation programme, the largest yet given in Wales, and that is providing 42 jobs. The Wales Tourist Board and the railway company are meeting the remaining £150,000 cost of

the project. A number of companies use the project as a proving ground for new equipment and they charge a nominal fee, or none at all, for the use of it.

Mr Garraway said: "The railway plays a considerable part in the attractiveness and the economy of this district. I think people accept now that we are not playing at trains, but that we run a proper rail-way in a professional way.

" And if you think the volun-

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teer spirit is disappearing from the country. I think you would be reassured by the sight of all the people who have been help-

TV licence holders will get no early warning of fee rises

There is to be no early warning of the next television icence fee increase, Mr Rees, Home Secretary, stated in a Commons written reply yester-

clear. Mr Rees said, the BBC would need before the end of the year, would come into effect on the day they were an-

The new procedure is to avoid a repetition of what hapwhen a licence fee increase was announced in 1975. Licence holders were then given two months to take out overlapping licences to beat the increase, which came into effect on April 1.

The result was a report by the Parliamentary Commissioner and a judgment by the Court of Appeal, in consequence of which 25,000 people either had date extensions honoured or were repaid £6 which they sent in after the Home Office had demanded the extra payment.

Mr Rees, making clear that not been fixed, although it is almost certain to be in April, emphasized that if a licence holder applied for his replacement licence early in the last month of the currency of the old licence the replacement would be for the full period of 12 months after the expiry of the old one at the current licence fee, even if an increase was announced later in that

If a licence holder delayed applying for a replacement until late in the last month of the currency of his existing licence, and an increase in the rates had been announced before he made his application, he would be required to pay at the higher

What it all amounts to is that new licences, at whatever fee decided by the Government, thought by some to be £27 for colour, will be issued at the fee current at the date of appli-

Equity in benefit rates would cost too much

Social Services Correspondent

An interdepartmental group has decided that raising unemployment and sickness pay to the level of pensions would cost too much. But the overall cost of doing so would be only just over half this year's expected surplus in the National Insurance Fund.

Insurance Fund.
The Poverty Study Group, set up under the Joint Approach to Social Policy programme, says, after considering for some months the differential between short-term and long-term benefits, that it can find no logical

justification for the gap.

The group, composed of officials from the Department of Health and Social Security, the Treasurer, the Central Policy Review Staff or "think tank", the Central Statistical Office and the departments of employtheless feels unable to recom-mend immediate action.

Raising all benefits to the long-term rates would cost 5500m. The National Insurance

pyledge to concentrate resources on pensioners, while maintain-ing the purchasing power of short-term benefits.

The Labour Government has maintained and increased the gap in benefit reviews since

Nearly blind

jobs as doctor

A nearly blind man with no medical qualifications posed as

a doctor and persuaded the British Medical Council to give

him temporary registration, magistrates at East Grinstead, Sussex, were told yesterday.

He practised at Charing Cross

Hospital as a locum house

officer for more than two months and was given a job at Hastings General Hospital as a

house surgeon, it was stated. Robin Sydney Ronald Dur-rant, aged 42, of Crowborough

Road, Nutley, Sussex, showed the BMC a certificate from Columbia University, New York, that said he had gained a

medical degree. The court was told that he had bought the

degree.
Mr Durrant pleaded guilty to two charges under the Theft

Act of getting payment for his jobs at the hospitals and posts as science teacher at Sussex schools by deception, and one charge of falsely using the title

of doctor. Sentence was ad-journed for four weeks for re-

ports.
It was stated that Mr Durrant

had failed in his efforts to be-

come a doctor and after attempting to set himself up as

a chiropodist and osteopath, obtained the certificate from Columbia University.

Resignation ruled

Mr John Ennals, director of

the government-sponsored United Kingdom Immigrants

Advisory Service, said yester-day that reports that a majority

on th eservice's executive council had no confidence in

him and wante dhim to resign

over his bandling of staff matters were difficult, to

Nine members representing immigrant organizations on the

council said in a statement

yesterday that they had full confidence in him. Mr Emais said that although the membership of the council was 21 the

nine would represent a majority

of the normal voting strength. His opponents made known

their views at a meeting last week when they had before them a report of an inquiry into

his running of the service. It was decided to investigate one

Mr Ennals said yesterday:
"This matter will be considered

again by the executive in about

two weeks. In the meantime I

have no intention of resigning.
Why should I?

out by adviser

to immigrants

By Craig Seton

man got

1974, although it tried to re-dress the balance slightly last year by raising short-term benefits by 1 per cent more than long-term benefits. But the gap between short-term and longterm national insurance benefits has been mirrored by a similar gap that has grown over

the past four years in supple-mentary benefits. The widening gap has caused much pressure on the Government to improve the situations of two groups in particular: the unemployed and one-parent

Unemployed men start on benefit at the same level as people out of work through sickness. But after six months out of work they lose any entitle-ment to earnings-related supple-ment and revert to flat-rate unemployment benefit, with supplementary benefits on top. For a married man with two children aged six and 11 the two benefits will be worth £30.35.

By contrast, the sick man in the same family circumstances qualifies after six months for Find is expected to have a surplus of £932m this year, and estimates indicate a surplus for the next two years of more than £800m.

Different rates for people on short-term and long-term benefits are a recent innovation. In October, 1973, the Conservative Administration gave pensioners a higher increase than other social security claimants in order to fulfil a manifesto pyledge to concentrate resources

The cost of giving unem-ployed men the long-term rate of supplementary benefit after two years would be only £12m present benefit rates. It would cost only f9m to give one-parent families the longterm rate after one year.

Leaders of the labour move-ment appealed for £100,000 yes-terday to expand the National Museum of Labour History, which was set up in Limehouse Town Hall and conned by Sir

Town Half and opened by Sir

Since then its collection of posters, documents, banners, and other momentoes of the

early days of founding fathers of socialism has expanded greatly. Tower Hamlets Borough Council is looking for a bigger and better home for the

The appeal, launched with the support of Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, Mr. Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and many others, is intended to help development

Farmers' claim

milk board fails

Five Devon farmers lost a claim yesterday in which they alleged "severe discrimination" by the Milk Marketing Board for England and Wales

Board for England and Wales in payments for gold top Channel Island milk. Mr Nigel Ansdell, Mr Charles Esmond-Cole, Mr Richard Pool, Mr John Verney and Mr Edmund Wells had called for an end to "abuse of powers" by the board.

Their case was examined by a

committee set up by ministers under the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1958. The five farmers called for an end to the two-price regime for gold top milk.

The committee found that there was nothing in present

arrangements against the public interest. It decided that the board was innocent of any wrongful act or omission " and

that the two-price arrangement

was only against the interests of those farmers who were un-able to obtain premium con-

Leading pairs in

At the midway stage of the bridge trials being held in London to determine the teams to represent Britain in the women's and junior EEC championships at Ostend in April the following pairs were leading after play on Saturday and Sunday (our Bridge Correspondent writes):

Women: Equal 1. Mars L. Carpenter Mr. P. Javes, 45 victory points: Mr. J. Newton, 45 victory points: J. Mr. J. Alder, 38 victory points: 2, R. J. Fleet, J. A. Nilbiett, 56 points: equal 3, Dr. R. J. A. Eutland, J. Reardon, 50 points, A. B. Eutland, J. Reardon, 50 points, A. B. Forrester, M. Walsh, 50 points.

EEC bridge

against

Harold Wilson two years ago.

Inner city where nearly half of all households lack a wage earner

'Prosperous' town looks rotten at the core

By John Young Plansing Reporter A few months ago an English city council undertook

a survey of about 18,000 houses in the city's oldest and poorest inner districts. Apart from the usual evi-

dence of overcrowding, wreathed living conditions, in-security and homelessness, it also discovered that nearly half of the households lacked dence a regular wage-earner and were dependent on pensions and social security.

Five years ago, when unem-ployment in Britain as a whole was only about 3 per cent, in parts of this same city it was estimated at about 18 to 20 per cent. Now with the national figure close to 6 per cent, officials calculate that in the worst pockets it may be as high as 35 to 40 per cent.

The city in question is not Liverpool or Glasgow, but Notingham, which was regarded until recently, with neighbouring Leicester, as an example of urban prosperity.

With a population of fewer than 300,000, a broad mixture of industrial and office employment, and wage rates among the highest in the country, it was seen by central government as a place that could take care of itself; so much so that it was one of the few areas outside the Southeast where controls were placed with of large new companies and shorts. Players and neighbouring Leicester, as an east where controls were placed on further industrial develop-

local government reorganiza-tion in 1974. The proud and ancient city, educed from a county borough to a mere district and

thus deprived of much of its autonomy, was promptly desig-nated as a suitable centre for office growth but not for new industry, which should be encouraged to go to the so-called deprived areas of the county. The county has since changed its mind, largely because of a study that showed

that of the 16 most deprived in areas in Nottinghamshire 11 were in inner Nottingham. But city officials are pessimistic about the prospect of persuad-ing Whitehall to change its

"Our fear is that the Government will think that only major conurbations have inner city problems", one said. But unless something is done

That belief was reflected in reputation as good, public-sons. In an industrial city such the attitude of the county spirited employers.

as Nottingham restoration of a council which took office after

But the big factories were warehouse, for example, can

spirited employers.

But the big factories were only a partial substitute for the workshops and warehouses that had been built cheek-by-jowl with the homes of their cheap nor simple, particularly because of building regulations because of building regulations because of building regulations.

As in other cities, many of those that had survived were swept away in the redevelopment schemes of the 1960s; it was only when the planners paused to rest amid the dust and debris that they realized that nearly a quarter of all the traditional jobs in the inner area had vanished under the bulldozers.

Too late perhaps, they have since changed their policies. The emphasis now is on rescuing decaying housing through the designation of general im-provement and housing action areas and a report submitted to the council last September on industrial relocation emphasized the need to attract industry to the inner zone One of the most ambitious

rehabilitation projects in Britain concerns the old Lace Market, which has been designated a conservation area of national importance. It contains a splendid concentration of Georgian and Victorian buildings.

It is unusual in that most uch "town schemes" are in such small historic towns and cities such as Boots, Players and such as Chester or Newark, Raleigh. They mopped up the where the emphasis is on surplus labour and gained a conservation for aesthetic res-

rents are often too high to attract tenants.
City officials argue that

government policies concentrate too heavily on housing improvement and not enough on urban regeneration as a whole. The concept of general improvement areas should be extended to cover commerce and industry as well.

They are critical of the un-realistically high values placed on urban land, and of the un-willingness of organizations such as British Rail and the multiput religious to release land public utilities to release land for development

for development.

Hopes placed in the Community Land Act have been chartered because the "existshartered because the ing use value", at which local authorities were supposed to be able to acquire land, does no: apparently mean what it

says. Even small sums spent on environmental improvement enthusiastically have been received, they say. But they add that the Government seems determined to keep a firm hold on the purse strings to prevent local authorities from spending even the limited money available in the way they think best.

In brief

Captain Phillips begins desk job

Captain Mark Phillips, husband of Princess Anne, arrived nine minutes late for his first day at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall yester-

Officially designated GSO 3 (General Staff Officer Captain) he will be involved in co-schemes in Canada, Germany, Cyprus and elsewhere. His predecessor, Major Christopher Rawlinson, said: "It is a super job: a hard grind but probably with the chance to travel."

Powell rejection of talks attacked

Mr Enoch Powell was accused by the Confederation of Indian Organizations (UK) yesterday of "chickening out" of talks with it. The group sought the talks after his speech in which he spoke of possible civil war. Mr Tara Makherjee, presi-dent of the confederation, told a press conference in London that it received a brief reply signed by his private secretary, saying that Mr Powell, MP for Rown, South, "regrets he is not able to offer a personal

Junior doctors look at laws

In an effort to establish what it describes as "a viable alternative to industrial action as a way of solving employment and contract problems", the Junior Hospital Doctors' Association in the description of the second second in the second second in the Association is studying employment laws. In its journal, On Call, it

suggests that such laws might be invoked by dissatisfied junior doctors—faced with what was considered to be un-reasonable behaviour by hospital employers who at present could either take industrial action or accept the

Killed by falling pillar A boy, aged 14, who was killed when a brick piller fell on him during a game near his home on Sunday, was named yesterday as Robin Aylward, of New Bedford Road,

Church is arts centre

A redundant church, St Andrew's, Gravesend, Kent, has been leased by Gravesham Borough Council to the local arts council for plays, recitals and exhibitions. and exhibitions.

Life' for mother

Mrs Anna Cheetham, aged 26, of Melbourne Walk, Oldham, Greater Manchester, was jailed at Manchester Crown Court yesterday for life when she was convicted of murdering her son, Tilmothy, aged 14 months, last October. .

Bishop calls for facts The Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Stockwood, has asked everyone in his diocese to join in Friday fasts and self-denial during Lett and give the money to the homeless and needy. His Lenten appeals have raised £213,000 in

Yard called in Scotland Yard has been

called in to lead the hunt for the killer of Heidi Reddin, the schoolgirl from Downham Market, Norfolk, found dead nine-days ago.

Dustmen end strike

Clydebank's 150 dustmen nded a five-week strike yesterday and returned to clear sands of tons of rubbish which has built up in emergency dumps throughout the town.

Dead woman named A woman found dead with stab wounds on playing fields near Roundhay Park, Leeds, on Sunday was named yesterday as Mrs Irene Richardson, aged 28.

Humberside rate up A county rate of 60p in the pound, an increase of 7p, was recommended by Humberside Policy Committee yesterday.

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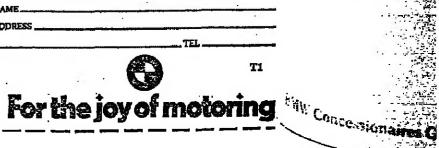
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Temple Bar meeting: Mr Charles A. Bane, a Chicago lawyer, with Sir Edward Singleton, a trustee of the Temple Bar Trust, Hertfordshire, yesterday. Mr Bane, chairman of the American Trust for Temple Bar,

and display services and to

Mr Jack Jones, promising the support of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday: "We have more trade unionists in Britain than ever before and their numbers

ever before, and their numbers are growing faster. It is viral that those who have not studied

the background of the move-

ment should have their attention drawn to its history."

The idea of a labour museum was conceived in 1963, when an exhibition of labour history was held at Padbill Sarage.

exhibition of labour history was held at Redhill, Surrey. The organizers formed the Trade Union, Labour and Co-operative History Society and triumphed in spite of criticism from the

Seven partners and the

managing clerg of the former

stockbroking firm of Chapman

Victor Thomas Andrews, Michael Childs Waller, John Maxwell Gordon, Ralph Carke, Aan Harman, George Edward Miller, John Michael Goodsell and Herbert Woolmer.

Stockbrokers

face fraud

plot charges

hopes to raise much of the £500,000 required to restore it to London. It is hoped that the gateway, erected in 1672 inside Temple Bar at Theobald's Park, to span the junction of Fleet Street and the Strand, will be moved to a site near St

Paul's Cathedral. £100,000 target set for 'people's museum' Man given 'life'

of the museum's educational serve the people's part of the for murder of girl in park The Bishop of Stepney, Dr Huddleston, who is treasurer of the appeal, said: "This is paradoxically a good time for such an appeal, because economic stringers, company to the stringers, company to the such as a speak and the such as a speak and the such as th From Our Correspondent

Liverpool

Thirty minutes after attacking a girl aged 17 near her home at Wallasey, a man mur-dered another girl of the same age in a park, Liverpool Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mark Glyn Roberts, of Hope Street, New Brighton, was sen-tenced to life imprisonment for murdering Miss Christine Buckley on September 30 and two years concurrently for assault-ing Miss Ann Crowder, causing her acutal bodily harm. admitted both charges.

Mr David McNeill, QC, for

Mr Roberts, said he had a few days earlier, in a confused state of mind, broken off a two-year

men and women and should be accessible and intelligible to them. "We should have a buildengagement to his fiancée.

right and the left. One of the founders, Mr Museum and even that would Henry Fry, who is director of the museum, said yesterday: "Our purpose is to try to pre-Seven doctors refuse to testify at inquiry

and Rowe were accused at Guildhall Justice Room, London, yesterday, of conspiring to defraud clients. They are Victor Thomas Andrews,

A private inquiry at a hospital into events leading up to a woman's death after two operations in 48 hours was called off yesterday when seven doctors refused to testify.

omic stringency compels people to look at their priorities and focus their attention on things that matter for the future. With-

out understanding our history there is no hope that we can move into the future with confi-

Mr Terry McCarthy, curator

of the museum, said history

was made by ordinary working

They declined to give evidence until they had obtained an expert's opinion o na report The charges allege conspiracy between September 1, 1973, April 2, 1974, to defraud clients by using without authority stocks and shares belonging to clients as escripty for loose anaesthetist on the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs Thelma Pryke, aged 45, of Crest Wood Park, Brewood,

From Our Correspondent second gall bladder operation

At an inquest in July, Mr Edward Huntbach, the Stafford coroner, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure, but Mrs Pryke's husband, Mr Colin Pryke, a former radiographer. was not satisfied and pressed for a full inquiry into his wife's

The private inquiry at St George's Hospital, Stafford, was scheduled to last two days and was to have been heard by April 2, 1974, to defraud clients by using without authority stocks and shares belonging to clients as security for loans granted to the firm by banks of Mrs Thelma Pryke, aged 45, of Crest Wood Park, Brewood, near Wolverhampton.

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Emerald jade pendant fetches £4,300 in £91,000 sale of Chinese items

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Emerald-green jade, the colour beloved of both the Middle and Far East, was once again the pace-setter in Christie's sale of Chinese jades and snuffoottles yesterday. A pendant in that precious colour, five centimetres long, carved with gourds, bamboo and plum blossom, made £4,300 (estimate £700 to £1,000).

Another mottled pendant, carved with a monkey amony gourds, made £3,500 (estimate £250) to £350) and a third, mottled with white and carved with a time-clawed drason amony clands clawed dragon among clouds, made £3,000 (estimate £250 to £400). A plane circular bangle of mortied emerald-green jade brought £2,600 (estimate £500 to

£500). The top price in the spuff- an Italian dealer, at £14,500 (esti-

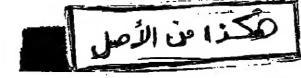
mate £2,400 to £3,200) for a mottled spinach-green jade casket and cover, imitating the form of an archaic bronze. That kind of an archaic bronze. That kind of piece is always popular with decorators and yesterday's example was of fine quality and dated from the Ch'ien Lung period. The sale totalled £91,092 with 5 per cent unsold.

Christie's were also selling fine Continental porcelain, which totalled £89,970 with 10 per cent unsold. A fine Berlin ornithological part dinner service was bid

bottle section was for a plain mate £5,000 to £6,500). The sale produced some food for thought for investors in antiques. Fifteen Meissen fluted plates with ornithological decorations are saled for £7000 a simition were sold for £2,000; a similar service brought £1,706 at Christie's in 1965. A pair of Miessen bouquetière figures were sold for £950; they had been sold astwo separate lots at Christie's in 1970 for £840 and £420. £1,050 chest: In Phillips's sale of furniture, which totalled £37,360,

with 2 per cent unsold, a private buyer paid £1,050 for a George II mahogany chest (estimate £800). A Phillips's sale of watercolous and drawings realized £10.33 drawings realized £10.321. unsold. A fine Berlin ornithological part dinner service was bid sale of prints totalled £12,049, with
well-beyond expectations by Botti, 4 per cent unsold.

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Prices as part of better economic situation this year

PARLIAMENT, February 7, 1977

The improvement in the economy wifich could be expected for the rešt of the year should include an improvement in prices, Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Affairs, said during questions on the retail price

Replying to Mr Authory Durant (Reading, North, C), Mr Hattersley said the retail price index for December showed an increase of 1.3 per cent over the previous month and an increase of 15.1 per cent compared with the same month a year earlier. The index had risen by 65.2 per cent since February, 1974.

Mr Durant—This is a pretty appalling story. Since Christmas, food prices have been escalating at an enormous rate with some prices going up by 3p or 4p when one would have expected 0.5p. Does he not think this will affect the next round of pay negotiations?

Mr Hattersley (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab)—I am not sure weat Mr Durant means by going up 3p- or 4p when one would have

What has happened over the last few months is that the depreciation in the sterling rate has worked its way through to domestic prices. Now that sterling has stabilized, I am sure the position will improve and the trade unions will understand that in their negotiations.

Will he start with an inquiry into

the profit margins of the brewing industry in particular? Mr Hattersley—He had better put down a separate question about the brewing industry.

Much exaggerated comment has

been made about the effect of increased profit margins on the RPI. What we ought to concern ourselves with is not the extent of profits, but the use of profits. Profits that are ploughed back into investment which creates new jobs something we want

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on consumer affairs and prices (Gloucester, C)-This Government's record or C)—This Government's record on prices has got nothing to do with success. Has Mr Hattersley any idea of what the accumulative effect of four years of double-figure inflation, which is what we will have had at the end of this wast is likely to be on those year, is likely to be on those people who have seen their like savings wiced out and those struggling to make ends meet and losing the battle.

the battle.

Whatever happens to prices by the end of this year, prices will have been worse for longer under this Government than ever before. Mr Hattersley—We are all moved by Mrs Oppenheim's identification with the working classes. (Coaser-vative shouts of "Cheap".) The important point to which she should direct her attention is the overall success of our economic

West, Lab)—One significant factor in the continuing rise of the RPI is rises of between 30 and 60 per cent in gross profit margins. The time has come to institute an inquiry into the relationship between gross

effects. I do not believe there is any ensible commentator who does not believe that the improvement in the economy which we can expect for the rest of this year will not include an improvement in prices. I am sure ordinary people understand that well.

Motor cycle cooperative gets £1.5m help from GEC and Government

the cooperative.

The Government believe that this valuable and interesting experiment should be given a fair opportunity to demonstrate this, and the

to provide that opportunity.

For their part, the cooperative have gold me that the scheme will

provide them with an opportunity to determine their own success, and offers an adequate basis to

tackle the immediate future.

I am pleased to say that Lord
Stokes has agreed to act as a con-

The Meriden motor cycle coopera-tive is to get £500,000 from the Government to buy the marketing organization and related assets from Norton Villiers Triumph. The from Norton Viblers Triumph. The arrangement was announced in a statement by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry (Chesterfield, Lab), who also said that the cooperative would have up to film available from GEC who are to take over motor cycles until ther are cold. they are sold.

Mr Varley said: On January 10 I told the House that while the Government had turned down the application for essistance from the cooperative in the form in which they presented it shortly before Christmas, we were exploring other possibilities; and I asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Mr Alau Williams, the Minister of State, to undertake a study of the possibilities of keeping the cooperative in being.

I am now able to tell the House

I am now able to tell the House that as the result of a helpful proposal from the General Electric proposal from the General Electric Company, they have been able to come forward with a scheme to do just that. The cooperative will improve their cash resources through having available up to fim from GEC, who will take over motor cycles until they are sold and will also provide some technical assistance and some management and ance and some management and marketing advice.

The Government welcome this company's willingness to assist the continuation of this important experiment in industrial organization.

tion.

The Government recognize that the cooperative is handicapped by its lack of a marketing organization under its own control. The Government have therefore decided, subject to the approval of the House and to the completion of the appropriate arrangements, to provide the cooperative with up to £500,000 to purchase the marketing organization and related assets from Norton Villiers Triumph Ltd. The price to be paid for the organization and assets will be subject to valuation. In turn NVT are prepared in principle, and subject to the necessary legal require-

according to their use.

I hope that in froure we can be more sophisticated about their levels and what they are used for.

Mr Glies Shaw (Pudsey, C), for the Opposition—In only nine cases has it been necessary for the Price Commission to act against manu-facturers in support of the code. The voluntary principle is the only way to proceed in negotiating the next phase.

Mr Hattersley—His point can be

agreed two ways: that only in a few cases did the Price Commis-sion choose to act, or that only on a few occasions did the code sflow the Price Commission to act. We have to strike a balance between

the two concepts so that the Price Commission, or what follows them, act when action is necessary. I cannot tell him today what the

criteria for that will be... During other exchanges when the Secretary of State indicated he

would, not abolish the Price Commission now, Mr Shaw said the Price Commission was estimated to cost £6.6m in oubl

funds in this current financial year. The cost of administration

within industry was considerable. Did not the minister agree that the taxpayer and the consumer

Mr Hattersley—I do agree it is at least theoretically possible to have a more effective price control system which costs less administratively, and a number of us are trying to invent ways in which that can be activised.

taxpayer and the co deserved some reduction?

Commission

at beer prices

The reference of beer prices and profits to the Price Commission was being considered by ministers,

Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Pro-tection stated.

During question time, Mr Gwi-

lym Roberts (Cannock, Lab) said:
On the serious question of beer
prices my constituents cannot understand why prices are going up
whereas brewery profits in the last

half year are going up, in many coses by 40 per cent. Will be give this orgent consideration?

Mr Hattersley—I am conscious of the great and widespread concern

about beer prices and profits. My colleagues and I are considering

this matter at the moment and I hope we will be able to give our conclusions to the House in the near future.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton, East,

Lab)—Would he not agree that a number of companies use the price code as an excuse to push their prices up as far as permissible under the code and then hide behind the decision that the commission subsequently makes.

Mr Hattersley—I do not want to make specific comments on speci-fic companies. If they were referred to the Price Commission,

we would do that to obtain the information rather than to make a judgment before having the infor-

nation. I agree there are many short-

comings in the code now that it has been running for four to five years. I hope, therefore, we can improve the code in a number of

might look

ments, to return the money to the Government as soon as possible as payment for the redemption of an equivalent value of their preference shares held by my departwith the principles of a market economy and therefore there is much fascination with Sir Arnold Weinstock, an unabashed apostle of capitalism, providing support The Government will also defer

interest payment due from the co-operative in the period up to December 31, 1978, and subor-dinate this and the existing Government investment to all for the Meriden cooperative.
What considerations led Sir
Arnold to provide support which
the Department of Industry were
nowling to provide in December? other creditors of the cooperative. The Secretary of State for Trade is What is the cost of deferring the interest payments by the Government in respect of funds loaned to the cooperative to December 31, 1978? instructing the Export Credits
Guarantee Department to transfer
the existing f6m facility for
Meriden motor cycles from NVT to

How do the Covernment intend to ensure that they comply with the advice of the Industrial De-velopment Advisory Board that the Government's commitment should On the production side, the co-operative have made a promising start bot have not yet been able to demonstrate their ability to create the necessary conditions for long-term viability without further sup-port from public funds.

The Covernment believe that this strictly limited? Mr Varley-Many of those ques-

length. We shall have the appor-unity to debate the resolution when it comes before the Bouse. The GEC and their commutatent arises out of the progress they believe the cooperative made and which I acknowledged on behalf of the George and the Cooperative on January 10 the Government on January 10

The new factor in all this is that GEC will be helping the cooperative financially and will be a sales parmer. It is equipped to deal with the various technical and marketing problems.

The cost of deferring five instalments of interest to the end of 1978 will amount to £1.05m.

will amount to £1.05m.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry,
North-West, Lab)—The cooperative deserves this further support
to enable it to acquire what it
vitally needs, the control of its
own selling. We shall tackle the
task ahead with vigour and determination. I pay tribute to the men
of Meriden who have pushed productivity-above 50 per cent since
starting the business.

Mr Varley—We sincerely hone row

Stokes has agreed to act as a consultant to the cooperative on North American and other international sales. (Conservative laughter.)

The Industrial Development Advisory Board has considered the scheme and has advised that on balance, recognizing the inherent risks, the proposals merit support, providing the Government's commitment is sarictly limited.

I shall bring the accessary resolution under Section 8 of the Industry Act, 1972, before the House for approval as soon as possible and that will provide opportunity for detailed discussion of the scheme.

Mir John Bitten, Opposition starting the business.

Mr Varley—We sincerely hope row that the cooperative will be able to succeed. Since it came into being, there has been great flexibility in internal labour utilization and productivity has increased by more than 50 per cent, as he says. This new opportunity will give the co-Mr John Biffen, Opposition spokesman on industry (Oswestry, C)—We believe there are circum-

Mr Reginald Eyre (Birmingham, Small Green, C)—Any enterprise which seeks to achieve production and win exports and profits on a competitive basis is to be wel-

compehive basis is to be well-comed, particularly with the dire-state of unemployment today in the West Midlands.

Would be agree that the latest development at Meriden empha-sizes that production effort depends on marketing and business and similar enterpreneurial skills if it is to succeed in the world market. Would it not have been better if these points had been adequately taken into account in the summer of 1975?

Mr Varley—They were taken into account then. I agree that success depends on marketing design and production and whether they will sell in world markets. I hope the new arrangements will enable it to succeed and expand.

Mrs Audrey Wise (Coventry, South-West, Lab)—Will Mr Parley concede that the trouble which befrell the motorcycle industry in the first place was caused by private capitalists and financiers and by management and that the in-dustry has been rescued by the

efforts of the workers?

Some of us may be concerned in case this fresh agreement does anything to put those same workers back into their clutches. Will be assure them that this will not happen and will be advise GEC that it might be advisable for them to show some concern for the welto show some concern for the wel-fare of their own workers and use some of their substantial profits for their welfare? Mr Parley-We welcome the involvement of the GEC in this enter-

prise and that goes for the workers at Meriden. They have welcomed and accepted the problems and difficulties of involvement. One reason which had caused the industry's difficulties had been a past failure to invest.

support some of us thought it should have had from the begin-ning.

Air Reginald Eyre (Birmingham, 1997)

It offers a better hope for the future equality of partnership be-tween capital and labour than the Bullock report.

Can he say anything about the necessary conditions for long-term viability, because the long-term viability of Meriden and the Brirish motor cycle industry does not depend on the Bonneville-which nepend on the somewhile—which is a marvellous bike—but on producing new bicycles? What evidence has be that finance will be available to enable the cooperatives to develop new bikes?

Mr Variey-We have allowed the cooperative, with the help of the Government in acquiring assets and the involvement of GEC, to continue in business and manufacturing the Bonneville motorcycle. I do not know to what extent we can uprate that cycle, but it does depend—the long-term success of the cooperative—at some stage on bringing forward further proposals to secure their future. If these proposals are productive and they ask for the Government's advice we will be prepared to give that advice and to consider it on its merits. The cooperative so far has been a success.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)-Mr loan Evans (Aberture, Lab)—
This will be welcomed in the country, but would be consider the possibility of giving the National Enterprise Board and Scottish and Welsh development agency boards power to assist workers' cooperatives? Will he look at the manifest policy of the party to set up a to policy of the party to set up a cooperative development agency? Mr Varley—We have not been able to move forward along the lines he and his colleagues in the Co-operaand ms tolleagues at the Co-pera-tive Party would like us to do. The proposals need further considera-tion. I hope the will acknowledge that in the support we gave to Mr David Watkins (Consett, Lab) Bill we made a step in that direction.
We are anxious to see experiments in workers' cooperatives. It is an

nves.
Mr Norman Tebbit
Forest, Chingford, C)
Stokes to whom same Lord Forest, Chingford, C)— Stokes to whom he same Lord Stokes who sible for the cobbling subsepuentiv came et to save it from bankrur Mr Varley—That is 1 question that endears h.

the House. Lord Stokes Lord Stokes who ca Government. As a resul were able to take Brit into public ownership a lands. If Mr Tebbit and had been successful and had been successful in catastrophic. Mr Dennis Skinner

Lab)-During the Meriden Weinstock ve been taking place a aspects are rather into he shed a little light o tion of the rights isst GEC were a recently, and further other power station industries? Can it be : Weinstock Meriden affair was a st Mr Variey-The ques trical power industry, y

Mr Michael Grylls Mr Varley-That is a discussion between the and GEC. It would be me to reveal that to th

Warning to garages on petrol price displays

Unless a national survey demonstrated that the voluntary agreement on petrol price displays had worked, statutory consultations on a draft order with the same objectives would begin, Mr John Fraser, Manister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Lambeth, Norwood, Lah), said

Consumer Protection (Lambern, Norwood, Lab), said
He stated: I have received a number of reports indicating a poor level of compliance with the roluntary agreement on petrol price display. Most of them, however, relate to a period last year when the agreement had only recently been settled.

On my behalf, the Office of Fair Trading has therefore asked local authority associations to help with a national survey this month.

authority associations to help with a national survey this month.

In the meantime, my officials are preparing a draft order under the Prices Act, 1964. Unless the survey demonstrates that the voluntary agreement has worked, I shall immediately begin statutory consultations on the draft order.

Mr Albert Costain (Folkestome and Hythe, C)—We welcome the belief of the Secretary of State (Mr Hattersley) in competition and the reason for this question is to see they compessition is fair. Why do

that compesition is tair. Why do we have to wait so long? Mr. Fraser-Having reached a voluntary agreement with the oil give that voluntary agreement the

chance to work.

I' will not disguise that I am distantished with its working so far If will not originate that I am distrated with its working so far and if it does not work properly soon, we shall have a statutory price display order. Mn; Josh Evans (Aberdere, Lab)—. The majority of motorists are disturbed by variations between petrol stations.

Mr Fraser—I want to see competi-tion working more effectively.

The proposal to sell off the Gov-

erdment's 20 per cent stake in BP was not irrevocable. It was a mat-

ter that could be looked at and discussed, Mr Harold Lever, Chan-

cellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

(Manchester, Central, Lab), said.

resign ? he added.

Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derby-

where we discuss ideas of govern-ment; we discuss the decisions of government. This was a collective decision of the Government and it remains their intention to go ahead with that sale.

with that sale.

Mr. Dennis Skinner (Bolsover,
Lab)—Recent reports have been
circulating that the Secretary of
State for Energy (Mr Wedgwood
Benn) is now taking in terms,
privately perhaps, of not selling
off the 20 per cent stake in BP.
Since we are supposed to be moving into a much rosier situation
economically, would Mr Lever not
agree with what Mr Benn is suggesting?

Mir Lever—Mr Skimer has a closer relationship to Mr Benn's private confidences than I have in this matter. Mr Benn has not discussed

Mr. Lever—This is not the place where we discuss ideas of govern-

Proposal to sell BP

Mis Peter Rost (Soun-East Derby.

shifts, C) had asked Mr Lever if it
was his idea to sell off the Governmann's stake in BP as part of the
The contract.

Was it still the Government's
infention to go ahead with the
agreement and if they did not,
would the Chancellor of the Duchy

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weight a be added.

The question had better be
directed to the Chancellor.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—At romorrow's international bankers' conference which
both he and I are addressing—I do
not know why I am addressing
it—(kangher)—I shall better be
directed to the Chancellor.

shares revocable

Code takes a crude view of profits the point the Price Commission made, they were suggesting that Sandilands and what Sandilands reveals perhaps demonstrates that sometimes companies are not making as large a profit as superficial examination of their accounts would suggest. The substance of the question is not right. One of the things wrong with the price code is that it takes much too crude a view about profits. There can be different views about them according to their use.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, criticized the price code for taking much too trude a view of profits. He hoped that in future it would be possible to be more sophisticated about their levels and what they were used for.

Mr Frederick Silvester (Manchester, Withington, C) had asked for a statement on the taxest plans for renegotiating the price code.

Mr Hattersley—I am considering what form prices policy should take after the powers to enforce the price code expire on July 31. I hope soon to be in a position to give details.

Mr Silvester-Will he confirm that it is not his intention, in any proposed independent agency he may set up, to give wide discretionary powers that might lead to delay in manufacturing plans? Mr Hattersley—He must await my announcement rather than ask questions based on hypotheses of that sort.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab).—Why is it that in the latest report of the Price Commission reference is made to the fact that they are unable to comment on the question of profit margins? Will be make sure in any further discussions that they are asked to state they sions that they are able to state precisely where they stand on such matters?

Mr. France.—Having reached a voluntary agreement with the oil combanies and the pelvol retailers, it would be a breach of faith not to confirm, given that present price controls are concerned so much

> Mrs Andrey Wise (Coventry, South-West, Lab)—The Price Commission in their latest report say that the calculation of profits for price control purposes is highly artificial and bears little resem-blance to profits as calculated on accepted accounting principles. Would be care to comment on

plank of the covenant that we should sell it off or we should not sell it off. Although this was announced by

the Charcellor of the Exchequer (Mr Denis Hesley) it is not completely irrevocable. It is a matter that can be looked at and discussed.

cussed.

The question had better be directed to the Chancellor.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—At tomorrow's international bankers' conference which both he and I are addressing—I do not know why I am addressing it—(laughter)—I shall be defending and supporting the Labour Party policy for the public ownership of the three major clearing banks and the seven major insurance companies.

surance companies.

Would the minister indicate

whether in his speech he will be giving me support on this? (Laughter.)

Mr Lever—I am as reluctant to anticipate tomorrow's speech to the bankers as the Chancellor of the Exchequer is to anticipate the Budget statement. It is reassuring to me to find myself in such reputable and enjoyable company as Mr Heffer. He is unlikely to find any architecture evinced by me on the

enshusiasm evinced by me on the subject of nationalizing the banks. It would be regarded as being clo-

I shall in all speeches do my best

Bread 'has worked out as I said it would'

Mr Giles Shaw, an Opposition spokesman on prices and consumer protection (Pudsey, C), asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection what was the average price of the standard loaf in the fures weeks starting on January 4, 1977, and what the average price was in December.

Mr Roy Hatterdes—In January average price was in December.

Mr Roy Hattersley—In January,
the average price of a large white
sliced foof was about 20.5p against
19.5p in December, in some supermarkets, prices did nor rise by
the 1p permitted at the beginning
of January. In others, prices were
temporarily forced up by the
action of some deliverymen.

temporarily forced up by me action of some deliverymen.

I am glad to say that this action has ended. During recent discussions on prices I have met representatives of all interested parties including both the Federation of Bakers and the National Association of Master Bakers, but I have no immediate plans for further meetings. meetings.

Mr Shaw—Now that the Mad Hatter's tea party is over, the consumer of is ensitled to ask: who is better of? Is it the consumer who was led to believe there would be a substantial decrease in the price of bread; the shopkeepers, whose supplies were disrupted; or was it the trade unions who believed their trade unions who believed their jobs were in jeopardy?

This particular cleec of intervention has caused nothing but a tion has caused nothing but a work by the end of luna to that the suggest that any party would not a suggest that any party would not a suggest that any party would not Mr Shaw-Now that the Mad Hat-

shambles and chaos from start to finish. (Conservative cheers.) inish. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Hattersley—The intervention—
and I was pulling out Government
pacticipation—has worked in the
end exactly as I hoped it would.

Mr Shaw is wrong in almost all itis
suppositions not least in saying
that the unions were against it.
Only one trade union was against
it, the TGWU and the GMWU
supported what I did.

supported what I did.

As a result of their support and what has come about, the only claim I made will be realized—in some stops the prices of the stand-ard loaf will be cheaper than it otherwise would have been. The newspapers over the last five days have demonstrated that clearly.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—As he has obviously tried to deploy a certain part of Tory policy and has not been successful, this is a lesson never to adopt it again.

adopt it again.

Mr Hattersley—I do not believe
competition is a Tory instrument.

The previous Prime Minister introduced the Trade Monopolies and Mergers Act, which gave great pro-tection to competition in this country. I have an interesting quo-tation from Lemn about competition wisch I will send to Mr

Heffer.
My duty is to provide whatever instruments in competition or intervention to bring prices down whenever possible,

whenever possible.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, chief Opposition spokesman on prices and consumer protection (Gloucester. C)—If his negotiations were a success, why did he want for six weeks before entering into these negotiations and why, when he knew any increases in discount would be immediately offset by an application to the Price Commission for higher prices, did he enter into a rather shady public relations operation which backfired on its originator and certainly confused the consumers?

Mr Hattersley—My speeches did not backfire on me, but I noted that the Daily Mall reported that there had been calls from the Tory Party for her resignation, but that is neither here nor there.

I allowed the forces of the market to operate and that must mean that the findustry, but were resident.

ket to operate and that must mean that the industry—bakers, retailers and consumers—determine the price in the end for this. A week ago the dispute settled down in the way I said it would.

Government stand by commitment to Bill on Europe elections

If there were further unnecess-If there were further unnecess-ary delays with the Bill, the Government might be tempted to fix the constituencies by a schedule attached to it. The House should not take citis responsibility from an independent body like the Commission, which had asteral and neu-tral justice as one advantage the House did not have. The public would not have confidence in cun-stanencies fixed by a schedule. Other complex considerations

Commission to start their work. Perhaps two Bills would be necessary to get the process started—the first short and simple on the Commission and the second, which could even be introduced next ses-sion, to deal with other points.

obligation to introduce a Bill in good time.

Direct elections would give members of the European Parliament more time to devote to the work of the Parliament. Their capacity to criticize and put under review the work of the Council of Ministers and the Commission would be increased even if there was no legal increase in the

A number of decisions made by the Commission and the Council of Ministers would either not have been made or been better made if they had been subjected to the more powerfol and continuous parliamentary scrutiny that could come from a directly elected body. The arrangement of indirect election by national parliaments sending some of their own members to the European Parliament, if continued, would act as a brake on the proper development of the parliamentary element inside the Community and created.

There had been plenty of parliamentary time. It was only because of the incompetence of the Leader of the House that the Commons was in its present legisladve chaos. may been started at the Lords.

Mr John Ellis (Brigg and Scunthorps, Lab) said MPs would serve their country ill if they were to consider such detailed and impor-

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness L) said the matter had become so urgent solely because of the Government's intention to create these large first-past-the-post constituen-cies, with all the inevitable prob-lems of boundary changes.

The second European election would require a common system. Since it would be proportional representation they should move to it now. Any PR system was easier to legislate on quickly than the

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab) said the Treaty of Rome laid no obligation on any member state to introduce direct elections, still less to do so by any specific date. They were perfectly free to do what they thought right on general political

adopt elections by a particular date it was remarkable that the Community had gone for 18 years since the Treaty of Rome without adopting direct elections. Sir Nigel Fisher (Kingston upon

Sir Nigel Fisher (Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton, C) said Britain's voting system had no relevance for European elections because it was not a Government which was being voted into the European Parllament but a fair representation of the political parties within the EEC. One thing that was not obtained with the Ridich system of mains was a fair

suggest that any party would not take steps to ensure that there would be consultation and coordination between their MPs to the European Parliament and their Commons MPs. The objective of the European directly elected MPs would be to take greater control over the activities of the Commis-aion and ultimately over those of the Council of Ministers.

Mir Richard Body (Holland with Boston, C) said that only if they wanted to see a substantial transfer of power and of functions to Stras-bours was there are to the second to the bourg was there an argument for direct elections. As MPs had yet to agree to that transfer it seemed to be premature to proceed now with direct elections.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South, Lab) said the position of the Crown, the position of the House and the position of the Queen in Parliament were not just put at risk, but destroyed by direct elections because the provision for consultation left the House and disappeared to institutions across disappeared to institutions scross the Channel.

Mr Paul Channon (Southend, West, C) said the Government owed it to the House to come clean one way or the other on this issue. There was increasing scepticism in the House and in Europe as to whether the Government intended to honour their obligations.

Mr John Dives, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford, C), said the Government's deportment in handling European activities over the last three years was not conducive to confidence on the part of other member states.

We are reinforced (he said) by the growing suspicion that they mean to welsh on their underrakings on direct elections.

There were more and more mat-ters which exceeded the capability of individual nations to control The increased powers question was a red herring. The powers of the European Parliament were cir-

cumscribed by the treaties, plus some slender amendments passed within the last two years concerning the budgetary restraint capabi-

Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab), said the Government had no intention of abandoning treir commitment to introduce legislation in this session. (Cheers.)

This was a constitutional measurement. This was a constitutional measure and all legislation of this nature was bound to be regarded

with the utmost seriousness. It was one which aroused deep rassion.

In a matter of this importance the said) when we are proposing to elect people by national arrangements for a five-year period, we are right to be con-cerned that the arrangements we have are as good as possible. The United Kingdom Govern-ment, like the other governments

of member states, had agreed to use their best endeavours and there was no binding commitment. Until a uniform electoral procedure came into operation, the electoral procedure was governed by the netoral provisions of members. the national provisions of member

It was under five months since that particular decision had been signed on behalf of the Govern-ment and they needed to think carefully about the nature and form of the proposed legislation.

Minister resists pressur to intervene in East London postal dispute

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waitham Forest, Chingford, C)—What is he doing to assist the resolution of this dispute? We are experiencing more interruptions in the delivery of mall in the last three years than we experienced in the previous century and a quarter of efficient delivery of mail by the Post Office. Should he not be giving some advice to Mr Jackson that he would be better advised in attending to the affairs of his own union and ensuring that mail is delivered and ensuring that mail is delivered to my constituents and all other people in East London rather than parading his conscience about stopping mail being delivered to people in South Africa?

Mr Variey—I thought there was something behind the mischievous-ness of Mr Tebbir. He has just outlined it. He is not really con-cerned about the mail in the E1 to

Instead of pursuing this vendetta against the Union of Post Office Workers, I hope Mr Tebbit will realize that Mr Tom Jackson and by his attitude that any his colleagues are trying to bring this dispute to an end.

It would not be appropriate for ment is withdrawn,

to an end.

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Office that the dispresence with proposals
overtime by the rec
staff, They are in disthe union and I hope
comes to an end as
possible.

L)—Is there any b-department that this be settled quickly? Is thing any Government can do to expedite a se Mr Varley—Not at the action I could take as State for Industry a about an earlier resolu-dispute than the active already being taken be and the Post Office.

Mr Dennis Canavan (W shire, Lab), on a poir said: Earlier I heard refer to Mr Varley Would it not be bette Tebbit to excuse hims: House until such time House until such time how to behave in this i the Speaker (Mr Geor said that if such an explanation to do is to go back to the dispute which is still a subject for the courts.

Instead of pursuing this testing the limit to excuse himse thouse until such time how to behave in this i The Speaker (Mr Geor said that if such an explanation that if such an explanation that if such an explanation that it is still a subject for the courts.

Britain would nevel default in debts Britain had never defaulted in

repaying debts and would never do so, Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said during question time exchanges. Mr Timothy Renton (Mid-Sussex, C) had asked him when, in his capacity as the Government's economic adviser, he proposed to meet President Carter's economic advisers.

mr Lever (Manchester, Central, Lab)—I had the pleasure of meet-ing Vice President Mondale and some of President Carter's leading economic advisers during their recent visit to the United King-dom.

Mr Renton—Is he aware from those talks of the United States linkage between low interest rates and the low inflation rate? Is he concerned that once the benefits of North Sea oil start gushing into the Treasury, the restraint on domestic redit expansion imposed by the International Monetary Fund will be lifted and his Government will again indulge in the inflationary antics of the last few years? Mr Lever-l am not sure I would expect the pipeline from the North Sea oil to have as its terminal the Treasury. But most people know it is important, if we are to get down interest rates as is our policy, that we have so bring inflation under fluer control

firmer control. We are determined to do this. The Government's policy shows great promise, admittedly with a certain amount of patience, in achieving this. Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)-

President Carter, on a Democratic ticket, fought on the need to increase public spending and cat unemployment and defence spending, which some of us have been advocating here. Will be get together to try to get the world out of the international recession?

Mr Lever-Without equating democratic policies of the victorious Democratic President and his Congress with the Labour Party they bear much closer relationship to the Labour Party than to the Tory Party. Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derby-shire, C)—Will be be able to per-suade the American economic advisers that he is as experienced

at repaying the huge debts he has lumbered this country with, as he has been at incurring them? Mr Lever-He shows vulgar ignorence in supposing I incurred the debts or that it will fall to me to repay them. (Conservative cry of "You are the adviser".) He seems auxious to imply that there is some dubiety about whether the British Government, whatever its

political complexion, will honour

of their ever doing so. Mr Eric Heffer (Liver ton, Lab)—He seems that the American Gover be in time with the Lab thinking. So would he United States admiviews in developing a pr programme to help cut ment ? Mr Lever—He overstate

tity of the American Cabinet, Even more, he overstate the identity of tion which prevails there here. There is no specia initiate such a type of pu programme in Britain ; ing us with the United S programme in Britain ; ing us with the United S

I was cleiming that outlook, indicated in ; question, was very much and very much that of and his senior advisers.

Mr James Prior, spokesman on c (Lowestoft, C)—When sees the American office President, will be correpression that he gave c visit to Washington that IMF loan was granted t Government would fall other government would fall other government coul with the trade unions?

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Mr Lever—The House
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human face. The debate had been opened by The decade had been opened by Mr. William Molloy (UK, Ealing, North, Iab), who said that all MPs would be aware of the vast sums spent on advertising and cajoling and yet so little was spent in the consumer's interest. This was sharefull neglect. There should be a

Commissioner solely concerned European Parliament The Community was producer-oriented and the consumer came in a poor second. It seemed to mil-lions of consumers that the marker place was set aside for men who chestle.

It would be foolish to treat this ity for defending the Government's as if it were some fundamental policy on this and other matters.

The new Commission of the European Economic Community has
decided to give much more weight
to consumer protection, Mr
Richard R. Burke, the Commissioner responsible for consumer
protection, announced when replying to a short debate. He said the
Commissioner wanted to ensure
that the EEC presented a more
human face. Mr Burke said that the new Commission had decided to give greater weight to consumer protection to ensure that the Community presented a more human face which the citizens of member states could recognize and have confidence in.

As the responsible Commis-sioner, he intended to give new impens to the implementation of the Community's consumer protection programme.

The Commission Commission's activities in

health protection and the protec-tion of the economic interests of ordinary people. During the past three months the Commission had three months the Commission had revised the list of food additives in order the better to protect health. The Parliament was currently

Commission impetus to consumer protection

The Parliament was currently examining a proposal for a directive concerning hability for defective products and another in respect of contracts negotiated by door-to-door salesmen and contracts negotiated away from business premises. This year the Commission intended to complete this task by drawing up two new draft directives to be sent to the Council of Ministers later in the year concerning consumer credit year concerning consumer credit and misleading advertising.

1977 would be centred around ing standard contract terms would also be sent to the Council as soon as possible if the preliminary work, which had already started, progressed favourably during the year. As in the past the Commission would commune to attach great importance to consumer informa-tion, first by intensifying the dia-

The Commission intended to put forward to the Council a proposals on unit pricing by weight or volume to help shoppers make a bester judgment. Similarly a draft charter on labelling was to be drawn up setting out the main principles upon which the informative labelling of products should

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Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East,), opening a debate on direct elec-tions to the European Parliament, first-past-the-post system with large constituencies.

"That this House calls on the Government to fulfil its undertakings to Parliament and to the Community to introduce legislation for the purpose of holding direct elections to the European Parliament notes that unless this

direct elections to the European Parliament; notes that unless this legislation is published forthwith there will be insufficient time for the Boundary Commissioners to complete the necessary work to meet the official target date of May-June, 1978; and recalls that failure to bring forward the Bill at the earliest opportunity may prevent such elections taking place in any of the member states, as provided in the September, 1976 Convention to which her Majesty's Government was a signatory".

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He said the House was facing the obvious problem of meeting the target date of May-June, 1978 along with the other member states. He hoped the Government would amounce a definitive date for the publication of this long overdue Bill for which, he believed, there was a substantial built-in one joint in the Commons.

go shead with essential prepara-tions in the short time before the direct elections were due.

should not be allowed to hold up the first target—a Bill to allow the

Mr Michael Stewart (Hammer-smith, Feiham, Lab) said the Government were committed to bring in a Bill of this sort speedily. They were committed to their col-leagues in the EEC and to the Westminster Perliament. The Government were therefore under a clear international and national

powers.

side the Community and create continuous problems for MPs try-ing to do their duty es best as they could in the Westminster Parlia-ment and in the European Parlia-

meut. Mr. William Clark (Croydon, South, C) said at last year's Labour Party conference there was a two to one vote against direct elections. Were the Government so scared stiff of their left wing that they could not bring in the legislation?

It would not take much time to get this BIH through and it could easily have been started in the Lords. tant matters in a speedy and ill-considered manner.

The debate was adjourned.

Mr Eric Variey, Secretary of State for Industry, said in a statement that he understood from the Post Office that some staff in the E1 district of London were taking unofficial action which affected the mail throughout the E1 to E18 districts. The Post Office and the Union of Post Office Workers were seeking resolution of the dispute. me to intervene directlater) when the I Corporation and the U: Office Workers are diffug possible to bring Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham

Hands outstretched from behind a wall of policemen greet the President in Dinan.

M Giscard d' Estaing tries to refurbish

The threat comes not only

from the Socialist-Communist

alliance, forecast by opinion

polls to make important advances in the forthcoming elections, but also from the Gaullist leader, M Jacques Chirac, who is challenging the

President's election tactics.

M Giscard d'Estaing today
dropped his usual reserve about

crowd contact and happily grabbed the outstretched hands of hundreds of sup-porters lining police barriers at Dinan.

Theres

his national image on tour of Brittany

Dinan, Feb 7.-President Gis- stration against his Govern-

card d'Estaing ran into a left.

wing demonstration today at the start of a two-day tour of Brittany intended to reinforce

Brittany intended to reinforce the municipal elections next

his increasingly vulnerable

position as the French national

A clash between police and about 200 demonstrators came

soon after his arrival at this ancient town. But calm was quickly restored and no arrests or serious injuries were

The visit is the first of A series of provincial trips by the

President this year to improve his image in preparation for

the general election 13 months

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oposing to allow 7 Soviet vessels, 12n 17 fishing at The Polish and overnments supin some cases a ban, on the
ant information fishing of species such as heris last week. ring, haddock, whiting and
ministers of the Norwegian pout. Boat sizes and
the Council of also be strictly regulated.

These proposals are roughly

apparent willingness to nego-tiate on an agreement. This threat remains, but a few more days grace may be given.

Michael Bornsby writes from
Brussels: The main fishing
issue within the Community
itself is the need for a new
arrangement between member

states about fishing in each others waters. The current standstill, which sets the January, 1976, catch as the maximum level, expires to-day. But it may be extended for a week to enable agricul-ture ministers to discuss the issue when they meet on February 14 and 15.

Should there be no agreement by then, both Britain and Ireland could take their long-threatened unilateral measures to protect and conserve fish stocks in their sectors.

The British and Irish are pressing for a radical revision of the EEC's fisheries policy to take account of the new 200-mile limit. The two countries have a special interest in this revision because about 80 per cent of fish stocks in the EEC's 200-mile zone are within their

They consider the present policy, with its emphasis on free access for all EEC fishermen to Community waters, unacceptable. Alternative proposals by the European Commission for a regulated share of catch quotas have so far failed to

satisfy them.

Before the ministers today will be a series of reworked Commission proposals for fish stock conservation, which in-clude severe restrictions, and

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cases, that rid them of jargon incomprehensible to most

clients.
Finally, at the end of this month, a ministerial circular is to be published in the official gazette on the drafting of court decisions.

A further reform in the next few months will be the abandoning of legal Laton, and what M Tonffait calls the storming of the fortress of notarial acts, deeds and con-

veyances.

"It does not always work smoothly", M Touffait told a and notaries' chambers must get used to the new forms.
And then there is the large And then there is the large stock of printed forms to use

He quoted some of the more picturesque archaisms like bai-list's exploits, or summonses, which for some people have a flavour of sporting achieve-

The Frendh litigant was no longer resigned, he said, he wanted to know what was happening to him in a court of law and why he had lost his suit. But the commission had to steer between two shoals: extreme laxness, which would deprive legal language of juri-dicial precision; and extreme linguistic conservatism, which made some members of the legal profession cling to esoter-ic language as a hallmark of their membership of a clois-tered elite.

Drastic changes in press planned for Portugal

From Our Correspondent

Lisbon, Feb 7 A total transformation of the Portuguese press is in view, according to Dr Manuel Alegre, Minister of Social Communication. Radio and television will also undergo

guese press of mismanagement, inefficiency, dependence on outside aid, intermittent political manipulation, overstaffing, rising overheads and falling

ding the matador's final sword thrust.

The Marques de Pombal, who rebuilt Lisbon from a 1755 earthquake, banned killing after the son of a famous bullrighter was gored. Conservative Roman Catholic bishops supported the ban in the ninettenth century.

Killing returned experimentally in the 1920s, the last period of democracy in Portugal before 1976, but inept bullifighters shed so much of their own and their horses' blood that spectators objected. The legal ban was restored in 1928 under the late dictator Antonio

Salazar. The few maradors who

occasionally violated the ban were fined and banned.

The country's 17 matadors

means something to me as a

The Marques de Pombal,

the "chaotic situation" of the The newspapers are now divided into two categories, those benefiting from state aid and those that are independent. Dr Alegre promised aid to both categories, but described the present state system of supporting bankrupt newspapers as "morally unjust, economically insupportable and policially insupportable and

dors seek licence to kill bulls man to be able to kill with dignity after a good fight", Senhor Armando Soares, aged 43, who has killed bulls in Spain and Mexico during a 15-year career, said in a recent interview.

interview.

"It is a kind of lie nor to kill in the ring. It is also sometimes gentler to the bull to kill immediately than to let an animal wounded by bandarilhas suffer until it is taken to a slaughterhouse. If there is a delay, the bull may develop a fever and then the meat can-

Senhor Soares is one of four matadors who killed bulls at Vila Franca de Xira, near Lis-bon, on October 31 in an attempt to bring the issue to a head. Jubilant fans, accom-panied by a brass band, car-ried the four around the town have launched a two-part cam-paign in the courts and on their shoulders for through official channels. "It hours. A court case on their shoulders for two

Relations between two Germanies worsen From Gretel Spitzer

Berlin, Feb 7

More than 250 West Berliners and 133 West Germans refused entry into East Berlin or East Germany last month have filed complaints against the East German authorities for violating the 1971 accord on inter-state

The total of 384 complaints mentioned at today's meeting of the Committee for Federal and all-Berlin Affairs of the West Berlin Senate is considerably higher than the previous annual average.

Out of the 251 West Berliners

refused entry, 191 had moved legally from East Germany to the West; 49 had allegedly broken East German laws and in 11 cases no reasons were

Also discussed during the Also discussed during the meeting was East Germany's intention to add a ninth district to the present eight of East Berlin. The meeting was told that this would break the "Land protocol", which provides for 20 districts for Greater Berlin, 12 in the west and eight in the east.

The discontinuation of the The discontinuation of the

East Berlin legal gazette was seen as one more East German attempt to change the four-power status of the city. Despite statements by offi-

cials of both German states that the policy of detente was to continue, relations between the two Germanies have continued to deteriorate.

Intra-German relations are much discussed in West Ger-many at present Remarks by Herr Günter Gaus, the head of the West German mission in East Berlin, that Dr Michael Kohl, the head of the East German mission in Bonn, was responsible for the imprisonment of Social Democrats in East Germany after the Second World War have heightened the

The broaching of this subject in an interview with Der Spiegel has embarrassed Bonn but there has been no official reaction to the allegation that Dr Kohl had betrayed Social Democrats to the NKUD, the Soviet secret police of Stalin's time. As the official represent-ative of East Germany in Bonn he has now tried to establish contact with SPD headquarters.
Herr Gaus has also been under heavy fire from all sides for his remarks about the issue

cannot be solved in the present negotiations.
The West German constitution and the verdict of the Con-stitutional Court in Karlsruhe make it impossible to accede to the East German desire to

of German nationality which

establish separate East and West German nationalities. But the burden of what Herr Gaus had to say in the inter-view was that a better modus vivendi with East Germany could be achieved if some working rules were established to avoid fresh political confront-ations over the nationality issue. At the request of the Opposi-tion the matter will be dis-cussed in the Bundestag.

Frogmen rescue potholers

Geislingen, Feb 7.—West German frogmen tonight res-cued four young potholers trapped for more than two days in a flooded cave in the Alps. They swam through an underground torrent with fresh oxygen cylinders for the ex-plorers, who had huddled on ledges since floodwaters blocked their way out through an, 80-yard runnel. The pot-holers are being treated in hos-pital for exposure.—Reuter.

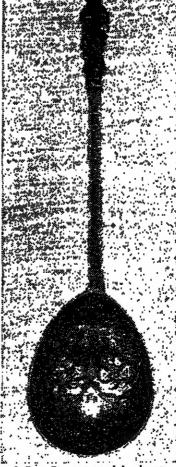
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Sotheby's Autumn Islamic week for £22,000, a world



Albumen print by Julia Margaret Cameron of Sir J. F. W. Herschel; sold at Sotheby's Belgravia for £1,900, a world anction record for a Cameron photograph.



A silver-gilt spoon, stated elsewhere to have Victorian decoration and of little value; recognised by Sotheby's as

to John Quycke, and sold for £1,700. Last season Sotheby's many hammers throughout the world fell 230,000 times, selling works of art to a record value of over £98 million.

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Spanish Army 'ready to stamp out violence'.

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Seville, Feb 7.—LieutenantGeneral Manuel Gurierrez
Mellado, the Deputy Prime
Minister in charge of Defence,
said today that the armed forces
were ready to help the police
stamp out political violence in
Spain.

He cold troops and officers

Seville, Feb 7.—Lieutenanttolicy for the right-wing Apostolic Anticommunist Alliance
(AAA).

Señor Sastre returned to
being expelled from France, His
wife, Eva Forest, has been in
prison for nearly two and a half

democracy.

"The sorrow of Spain, the sacrifice and abnegation of the forces of public order—which the Army supports morally and, if necessary, materially—and the firm message of the Prime Minister are guarantee that Minister are guarantees that Spain will continue its march towards the future it deserves," the general said.

His visit to the southern command came after signs of discontent in the armed forces.

The general advised the military not to listen to defeatists and "those who with excessive political passion fixed by destructive propaganda gravely damage our unity and confidence in our superiors. May the deaths that have occurred serve to unite us in burying violence."
He called on the armed forces to remain loyal to King Juan Carlos and the Government.
Our Madrid Correspondent writes: A bomb interrupted the opening performance in Bar-celona of a play written by a leftist, but later the performance was resumed.

the economic situation remains fairly widespread in Brittany,

an agricultural province where unemployment is higher than

the national average and in-dustrialization has lagged.

Alluding to this resentment,

M Giscard d' Estaing assured

the Brittany regional council in

Dinan that state investment in

new industries and telecom-munications was beginning to transform the province. "Brit-tany is no longer isolated from

the rest of France", he

B-passing big towns, the President flew from here by helicopter to the Channel ferry

port of Roscoff before spending the night at Quimper.

declared.

The explosion occurred on Saturday night in the entrance ball of the Villarroel theatre club, about half an hour after the curtain went up on Senor Alfonso Sastre's new work, Ashes and Blood. The entrance hall and the bar were damaged but nobody was injured. The audience applauded as the performance was resumed after the smoke had cleared.

An anonymous telephone call to the Barcelona newspaper Mundo Diario gave warning of the explosion almost at the same time as the bomb went

were ready to neep the police stamp out political violence in Spain.

He told troops and officers in Seville that Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, had already made clear that violence would not shake the Government's resolve to lead Spain to democracy.

being expelled from France, His wife, Eva Forest, has been in prison for nearly two and a half years awaiting trial in connexion with a terrorist bombing of a cafeteria opposite Madrid's police headquarters in which 13 people were killed.

The Madrid evening news paper Informaciones reported

paper Informaciones reported today that General Gutierres Millado had received a hand-written letter from Lieutenaus-General Emilio Villaescusa, the kidnapped chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

chiefs of staff.

In a possibly related report, it was learnt here today that there trave been three recent sabotage attempts at the air and naval base used by the United States Navy at Rota in southwast States.

west Spain.
According to Informaciones, the United States Central Intelthe United States Central Intelligence Agency suspects that
the so-called First of October
Antifascist Resistance Groups
(Grapo), which are holding
Señor Antonio Maria de Oriol,
the president of Council of
State, and General Villaescusa,
were involved.

Madrid, Feb 7.—A Grapo
spokesman said here today that
Señor de Oriol would be freed

Señor de Oriol would be freed alive only if the Government agreed to the ransom demands of his kidnappers. Grapo has demanded the release of all

demanded the release of all political prisoners as ransom.

The Grapo spokesman was interviewed by the newspaper Gazeta Roja, the organ of the Reconstituted Spanish Communist Party. He said: "We have taken all necessary measures to stop anyone being sole to recover Señor Maria de Oriol alive except by exchanging him for other prisoners."

Spain is about to establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, a government source said today.

An official announcement was expected after Cabinet approval, possibly tomorrow.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

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of Izo Kuang; sold for £1,200.





Parure de corsage, designed by Alphonse Mucha and executed by Georges Fouquet a 1900; sold in Monaco for £26,379,a world record for any piece of art nouveau.



The Carpet Seller, by John Frederick Lewis, R.A.; £20,000, a world auction record for a painting by the artist.

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Missionaries' murder **Sharpens dilemma** of Church in Africa

indicating the Church's firm

support for the black cause, they will further alienate the

20 per cent of the congregation

the Church is heading for serious confrontation, not only

with its more conservative mem

bership but also with the

Government as it involves itself

conspiculously in political

The youth department, which

represents about 8,000 young

African Army will be used to quell internal political unrest.

have arrended a prayer meeting with a black Catholic friend,

may be forced to shoot at him

In South Africa conscientious

objectors are sentenced to 12 months in Army detention bar-

racks and anyone who incites a person to refuse military service is liable to a fine of 10,000 rands (£6,600), ten years' jail

London statement: The Right Rev Gerald Mahon, president of the commission for international

justice and peace, Bishops' Con

reference of England and whates, said in a statement issued in London: "People of goodwild everywhere will be deeply shocked by this killing and will

condemn the senseless outrage These missionanes devoted

their to the development of Rhodesis and the welfare of the

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whole community, black and

Rhodesia has played a full part in the anovement for human rights for all. She has defended those whose rights are denied. These killings will not affect

the Church's commitment to work for the true good of all citizens, which is based on the

"They will not deflect the

Church from supporting peace-

ful and legitimate methods as the way to achieve human rights. The will intensify the determination of all Catholics

to work for non-violent solu-

Mr Andrew Young, the.

American permanent represen-tative at the United Nations,

who has been making the first contacts with African leaders on behalf of the Carter Admini-stration, said here today he believed there was a need for

"a little more United States involvement" on Rhodesia. He was being questioned by reporters on his way from anxibar and Dar es Salaam to Lagos, where he was due later

mean that the United Stares

wished to assume the "full burden" in Africa. "We see ourselves working with the

peoples and nations of Africa in a supporting role", he said.

At old hot regard the American role as one to "upset" (he clearly implied, however, that he used this term in the sense of "unseat") the "indigenous"

governments, including the

He did not regard the Ameri-

Carter envoy sees wider

role for Washington

tions to Rhodesian problems.

Nairobi, Feb 7

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Catholic Church

erence of England and Wales,

in a township uprising.

There can be no doubt that

who are white.

Johannesburg, Feb 7

The feeling of outrage that swept through southern Africa today after the murder in Rhodesia of two Roman Catholic priests a lay brother and four nuns has seriously compromised the decisions the Carholic bishops' conference, meeting in Pretoria, is due to

The conference is due to consider on Wednesday a report by a leading theologian urging it. ro give its full support to the people, says it believes the South individual's right to claim conscientious objection to service in the armed forces. It envisages a situation where a white Catholic, who might

If the bishops back the proposal, as they are expected to do, the most hostile reaction from the South African Government can be expected, as well as from

the Catholic right wing.
On another issue, that of the recent opening of Catholic schools to children of all races in defiance of the Government's policy of educational segregation, it is known that the authorities are working urgently on draft legislation to enforce the

The conference issued a brief statement on the Rhodesia murders It said : "The bishops extend their condolences to the extend their condolences to the Rhodesian Church, the Jesuit order and Dominican sisters and also extend their prayer-ful sympathy for the families of the deceased.

The bishops relievate their concern at the escalation of violence and pray for a speedy

fence and pray for a speedy resolution to the Rhodesian

The bishops support the black cause in Southern Africa, but reject violence as a means of achieving it. A report, prepared for the youth department by Father Albert Nolan, one of the South African Church's leading theologians, asks how the Church can side "violent oppression" of whe 80 per cent majority of its members who are black. It calls for a "practical, pastoral" conscientious

The bishops face the dilemma

Tourist air

anzania

Nairobi, Feb 7.—Hundreds of

reign tourists were today still anded in Tanzania as Kenya

questited word on why Tanzania

More than 200 tourists, mostly

rimericans and Canadians, have been flown out of nothern Tan-

zania since yesterday in special charter flights.

British Airways announced

today that its regular flight tonight from Johannesburg to Natrobi and London would land

at Kilimanjaro airport where

Dr Munyua Waiyaki, the

Kenyan Foreign Minister, said yesterday that his country reserved the right totake The most appropriate action to protect its citizens.

Tanzania stopped movement

ag ose its 450-mile frontier with Kenya on Friday after a dis-

pute over the grounding of East African Airways, jointly owned by Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. It also banned Kenya-registered aircraft from flying

Kenya asked Tanzania at the

weekend to release all Kenyan citizens, aircraft, vehicles and property held there.

Tanzania has made no official

statement since the closure. Kenyan officials said that Tan-

rania had impounded Kenya-registered tourist buses and imprisoned Kenyan drivers.—

Jet stowaway

Leading article, page 17

to be stranded.

over Tanzania.

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Priests tell of threats facing black pupils
From Richard Cecil

Bulawayo, Feb 7

The dramatic story of the 400 black mission pupils twisted again today with the return to Bulawayo of the 52 children and the parents who had gone to Francistown in Botswana to bring back their sons and daughters.

Three-quarters of the pupils who had been allowed to talk to their parents or accompanying priests had opted, apparently of their own free will, to remain in Botswana and yet the evidence of these returning children and parents tells of persistent intimidation from the moment they left the mission on Sunday, January 30, right through to the meeting with parents a week elater.

With the Botswana authori-

ties refusing to allow journalists to talk to the pupils who wanted to say in Francisowo. he evidence available in Bulawayo oday is in favour of the Rhodesian version of events. The two German Roman Catholic priests who accompanied the parents on the buses to Francistown, Rather Edgar Sommerreisser and Father Franz Stojecki, said that they were convinced that the pupils

who stayed had done so under the influence of "indoctrination, threats and promises".

They felt tehat it was wrong for the Botswana authorities not to allow them, as the re-presentatives of the parents unable to make the journey, to see tehe 200-odd pupils, especi-

ally as some of them were only 12 or 13 years old. Father Sommerreisser said to me: "One week was enough to influence these children. They were intimidated by the older children who are sympathetic to the abductors. We were lucky to get the children back

we did. I sympathize with the

parents."

Both priests complained that the International Red Cross representatives failed to ensure that the parents had a fair chance of getting their children back. The Botswana authorities, "although officially just and correct", were sympathetic to the forces that

land border, but he said he saw no American role in this

area. However, he made no secret of the importance which

the United States attaches to its friendship with Kenya. After meeting Mr Young in Das es Salaam last night, Presi-

dent Nyere told reporters that the United States could not re-place Britain in the negotiations

on Rhodesia. Fred Emery writes from Washington: Mr Ivor Richard, Brit-

ain's Rhodesia negotiator, today reported on the breakdown of

his latest southern Africa mis-sion to President Carter's

to meet Dr Zbrigniew Brzez-inski, the President's national

House was preparing to issue a statement deploring the murders of the Roman Catholic nuns

and missionaries in Rhodesia.

Earlier, Mr Richard reported to Mr Vance, the Secretary of

The British negotiator, who is spending two days in Wash-

ington from his post in New York as permanent British rep-resentative to the United Nations, is having discussions

Ice floes block the Hudson river near Tarrytown, New York state, despite the efforts of Coast Guard icebreakers.

Rigours of American winter ease

From Our Own Correspondent New York

The effects of the harsh American winter began to ease in some eastern states today, and some factories and schools reopened. But temperatures remained well below freezing over much of the north-east, and in the Middle West the situation was as serious as ever.

Two out of every three

Americans are now in favour

of the death penalty, according to the latest Louis Harris poll. The poll found that 67

per cent of its sample were in favour, and only 25 per cent opposed, the biggest majority

in support of capital punish-

In a 1973 poll, 59 per cent

were in favour and 31 per cent

against. In 1965 the figures were

47 per cent for, and 38 per cent

in December, before the execu-tion of Gary Gilmore in Utah, but at a time when his case had

already made the headlines. The results bear out the view that

support for the death penalty

has increased substantially in

Sierra Leone to

repair damage

of student riots

Government

strators.

Freetown, Feb 7 .- President

Siska Stevens, of Sierra Leone, appeased student leaders here today by promising that his

responsibility for repair work at the Fourah Bay college.

the college campus last Mon-

day between pro-Government

and anti-Government demon-

Mr Ndolo Trye, a student leader, apologized to President Stevens for the violence but

denied that it had been politi-

cally motivated. The students

had only tried to make the Gov-ernment aware of the views and

needs of the people, he said.—

Agence France-Presse.

Violent riots broke out on

ment for several years.

New York, Feb 7

In Ohio, state officials in Columbus said they estimated that nearly one million people

the cold weather, representing about one-third of the work force. Most schools were also closed, except for one day a week, when pupils came in with work they had done and fere work they had done and were

given new work.

To ease the situation, school programmes are being pur out over television and radio across the state for about two hours a day. The hope is that even if the children are not keen on seeing the programmes, their parents will make them sit parents will make them sit down and watch.

Ohio has not been over-welmed with snow, the way Buffalo, in New York state, and other places have been. Its proble mis that it does not have enough natural gas to meet its needs, and so far has nor been able to negotiate greater

Growing US call for death penalty

recent years, largely in reaction

They also show that the issue divides the country along racial

lines, with whites supporting the

death penalty by 72 per cent to

22 per cent, and blacks opposing it by 48 per cent to 40 per cent.

The Harris poll comments that

few other issues show such a

clear division between whites

The vast majority of the more than 350 prisoners now under sentence of death are black, and many blacks believe

the death penalty is biased against their cummunity. The National Association for the

Advancement of Coloured People is one of the groups

campaigning most actively against capital punishment.

of the death penalty, according to the Harris poll, is the belief

that it is a deterrent. But the

The basic reason for support

to the rise in crime.

and blacks.

pared to pay from such areas there will not be another cold as California and the south-

What it does have is a great deal of coal, and the Governor, Mr James Rhodes, believes that this should be used instead of natural gas from elsewhere. The problem is that the coal has a great deal of sulphur in it, which pollutes the air, and federal environmental officials have placed restrictions on its

In response to the crisis, Mr. Rhodes has ruled that the federal restrictions should be ignored, at least for the time

being.
In New York state, the situation has been eased by buying gas from Canada and California, which has enabled schools and factories to reopen. Factories

poil found that a majority of 46 per cent to 40 per cent would still support it even if it were proved "not more

it were proved "not more effective than long prison sen-

tences in keeping people from

committing murder".

This represents a definite

hardening of opinion since 1973 when a majority of 48

shown it did not serve as a

a marked difference between the attitudes of blacks and

whites in the latest survey. By

whites were in favour of capi-

shown to be more of a deter-

rent than long prison sentences;

blacks would oppose it in those

circumstances by 51 per cent

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president can serve.

president in future.

The vote, for election

delegates to the constitutional

convention, amounted to

national referendum on the

proposals to sweep aside con-

stitutional restrictions on the

number of five-year terms a

Choosing "silent dis-approval" of what it regards

as a plan to distort the consti-

tution, the Opposition refused

to present candidates. When

it will consist solely of Colo-

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which they will vote will allow unlimited reelection of the

General Stroessner has ruled

deterrent.

supplies at a price it is pre- New Jersey in the hope that

In Buffalo, Watertown and other cities in Western New York state, efforts continued to clear away the snow, with some drifts 20fr high. In Buffalo, the ban on non-essen-tial driving remained in force, and snow ploughs, snow blowers, bulldozers and lorries struggled to clear the roads. Meanwhile, Mr Cecil Andrus,

the Secretary of the Interior, said over the weekend that he investigating accusations that the natural gas suppliers had been deliberately holding back supplies as a way of forc-ing up prices. He said he did not expect a quick solution to the crisis, and predicted higher

energy prices and more string-ent conservation measures in

Bernstein protest to Prague

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Feb 7

Mr Leonard Bernstein, the American conductor and com-poser, has cancelled a performper cent to 35 per cent said that they would oppose the death penalty if it could be ance he was to have given at a festival in Prague in May, 1978. He has made the gesture in support of Mr Pavel Kohout, the playwright, and other sig-natories of Charter 77, the civil rights manifesto recently pub-lished in Czechoslovakia.

Mr Bernstein was to have conducted Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, and would have gone to Prague in advance for rehearsals.

A spokesman in New York said today that he had been active before in support of Amnesty International. Last October, for instance, he appeared at a benefit concert in Munich from which all the proceeds went to the organization. Mr Bernstein and other New

Yorkers are particularly con-cerned about Mr Kohout, because he was to have come to New York last autumn for the in complete freedom, and that opening of his play, Poor Mur-derer, but was not allowed to the reform proposal was a leave Czechosłovakia

Progress made on satellite TV transmissions

From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Feb 7

Delegates from 113 countries have made progress in evolving plans for direct television transmissions from satellites. Agree-ments allocating channels and signal strengths for countries in

Europe, including the whole of the Soviet Union, Africa, Asia and Australasia are expected to be signed at the end of this Technical considerations have imposed an acknowledgement that the parameters of trans-

mission from geostationary satellites positioned 22,500 miles out in space must be restricted to relatively small areas if chaoric interference is to be avoided. The geostationary orbit per-

mits of 265 satellites, each capa-ble of carrying several channels. The British requirement is for a satellite giving up to five channels. Similar arrangements

publicly against the Shah and North and South America will who are frightened to return be the subject of a separate regional conference.

India free: detained socialist leader

Delhi, Feb Government today rele: Raj Narain, who two y-challenged Mrs Gandh tion to Parliament in. action

A spokesman for the tion Janata (People's said that Mr Narain, he out trial since June, 1 freed from Hissar Haryana state, and was brought to Delhi tonigh Mr Narain was Mrs defeated opponent in.

Bareli constituency i Pradesh state. He bros charges alleging corru toral practices agai Prime Minister. She was convicted by bad High Court on 1975, two weeks before

posed a state of interr ency. The Supreme unanimously overturn verdict in November, 1 ruled that Mrs Gandl tion was valid. Earlier today the

Party announced to Narain would again Rae Bareli in next general election, fron necessary. Mr Narain is a me

he Indian Upper Parliament, the Rajy. He was elected on a 1 by members of the two the Uttar Pradesh

Janata Party's generitary, said Mr Narsin, 60, was "not in good He had lost a lot o was suffering blood pressure, but he fight his old constituthe 1971 election, Mr. won 183,000 votes

Won 105,000 Wres Narain 71,000. Mr Mohan said th 150 prospective Jana candidates were still detention under ei laws.

The Janata Party, a munist opposition joined forces at a m here yesterday with led by a former As Minister, Mr Jagjive The group broke an Mrs Gandhi's ruling Party last week. Negotiations are ur

between the Congre and the pro-Moscov Communist Party for certain states during tion, Mr Mohit Sen, a of the Communist Patr'al committee, said to he added that the Co would not make any deal with the Congre where the "forces

entrenched. Mrs Gandhi meanwh series, of rallies out residence this morning opposition victory in tion would mean "th democracy in Ind had called the poli b outside pressures.—R. Agence-France Presse. --

Prison term Germans wt tried to emig

have been jailed for ranging from six m three years for violat nal passport laws, re the men said today.

They told Wester spondents by teleph Valentin Klick was I three years, Helmut and Johann Teurer year, and Albert F for six months. All w last week by courts in stan, Soviet Central A

The four handed in ternal passports wi renounced their Sovie. ship in an attempt to mission to emigrate. I were arrested for m them, the relatives said Last month, some 4

Germans were un reported to have retheir Soviet citizen applied to leave for 1: many from Soviet Asia. Soviet internal are used as proof of and for registration They do not entitle to travel abroad.—Rea

-survives ordeal Fukuoka, Feb 7.—Kensuke Yamada, aged 22, who had just lost his job and wanted to find he was doing in Juba. One Sudanese soldier and

work abroad, stowed away in the wheelwell of a Japan Airlines jet at Osaka on Friday night and spent an hour in the air at —34°C (—29°F), police here said today.

The aircraft was going only as far as Fukuoka, however, and Mr Yamada, wearing two sets of underwear, jeans, jacket and a raincoat, survived the journey.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

Smith Government in Rhodesia.

In Kenya, Mr Young met Dr
Waiyaki, the Foreign Minister.
Their discussions included the
Kenya-Tanzania dispute and with members as well as Ameri-Tanzania's closure of the Kenya can officials.

killed in Sudan revolt Khartum, Feb 7.—An American pilot died during fighting betweens loyalist forces and rebels at Juba airport, southern of contact between "some mili-

reported here today. The daily Al Ayyam, which carried the report, did not identify the American nor did it say what

eight Air Force men died in the fighting, involving plotters reportedly attempting to separ-ate the semi-autonomous southern Sudan from the north.

Thirty Air Force men accused of involvement in the attempt to take over Juba sirport have been sent to Khartum for questioning.

The newspapers also reported that the southern Sudanese regional authorities had errested two high school stu-

One, a girl, played the role of contact between "some mili-tary elements with a personal interest in the success of the plot" and her imprisoned father, a former southern par-liamentarian, Mr Joseph Adoho.

Mr Adoho was arrested last year after papers were found implicating him in an alleged southern Sudan plot. According to Al Ayyam, the

plotters had received promises of aid from "foreign countries, the most important of which is Israel!" Another daily, El Sahaja, said the rebels had Sanga, said the rebels had confessed to being backed by a former southern politician, Mr Philip Abbas Gaboash, who had the support of Israeli intelligence.-Agence France-Presse.

Manila rebellion American pilot reported plot trial is postponed

Manila, Feb 7.—A Philippines military court today granted a defence motion to postpone until Thursday the laying of charges against 10 people, including three Americans and a Briton, accused of rebellion, plotting to kill President Marcos and attempting to seize power.

Only six of the accused, including cluding one American, appeared in court today. Absences included the other two Americans who are both still at large, and a British explosives expert, Mr Brian Borthwick, who is reported by friends to have died of cancer Also absent was a former presidential candidate, Mr Sergio Osmena, who went into exile in the United States a

Paraguayans endorse plan for Stroessner life rule said the vote was carried out

From Andrew Tarnowski Asunción, Feb 7

Elections for a constitutional convention in Paraguay have given massive popular support to plans that will enable Presi-dent Alfredo Stroessner to continue ruling indefinitely.

According to official results of yesterday's poll, 69 per cent of the electorate voted for candidates of the Government Colorado (Red) Party, which proposed the plan; 13 per cent followed Opposition recommen-dations to cast blank ballots; and 18 per cent did not rote. The Government received 85

per cent of the votes cast.
Opposition leaders immediately questioned the results. They alleged irregularities at the polls and said the plan to reform the constitution discredited democracy. Leaders of Paraguay for 22 years and his the Colorado Party, however, fifth terms ends next year.

Mekong islands clash averted

Bangkok, Feb 7.-Laorian soldiers who occupied two small islands in the Mekong river belonging to Thailand yester-day have been withdrawn, it

was reported here today.

About 300 That residents of the islands of Don Taeng and Don Noi began returning home

this morning, according to the deputy governor of Nong Khai province.—Agence France

Amnesty offer to Iran students

Teheran, Feb 7.—Iranians living abroad who have been involved in Marxist or terrorist

home.-AP.

activity may return home with-out fear of punishment if they give themselves up The announcement aimed at hundreds of students

was in the United States and Europe who have demonstrated

Slow start to Lebanon reconstruction

of their civil war, the Lebanese have begun to realize

Beirut, Feb 7

From Robert Fisk

that the reconstruction of their devastated country is going to take a good deal longer than many of them had thought. With an inflation rate of almost 70 per cent in two years, the Lebanese find that

Three months after the end

very little foreign aid has yet reached the country. Overseas business interests, which the local press optimistically predicted would flock back to Beirut almost as soon as the guns stopped firing, are still some showing reluctance before committing themselves to a return. Only now is the Lebanese

Government able to start unravelling the complex property laws and to suggest ways of rehousing the country's estimated quarter of a million Foreign economists, however,

are praising the efforts of the Government to reconstitute the country's commercial life. pointing out that the economy here will—in their familiar jar-gon—"take off", although a little more slowly than at first envisaged.

The Lebanese banks have telecommunications, already informed Dr Selim al-

Hoss, the Prime Minister, that they are prepared to extend internal loans of up to £181m. Home owners will soon be able to secure long-term loans of up to £5,500, repayable over 15 years at only 2 per cent in-

The mere fact that such

terest.

arrangements have been drawn up is considered a tribute to President Sarkis's wisdom in choosing a government of bankers and technical experts rather than representative politicians. It also says a lot for their business efficiency. Many government ministries lost thousands of documents

and files during the war and telecommunications were so bad around Christmas that ministers were sending messages to each other by courier in their efforts to comprehend the magnitude of the problems facing them. American,

French missions have already visited Beirut to assess this for themselves. It now looks cer-tain that the French—who, of course, know the city better than any other European nation—will rebuild most of the devastated port area, while the British will probably give help and advice on restoring telecommunications, rebuilding the dock area and-per-

haps most pressing of all-construction of cheap housing. In London today, British businessmen and industrialists were scheduled to be talking

the Committee on Middle East Trade, which coordinates relations between British industrialists, the Government and economists on Middle East commercial affairs. Help from London is likely to be technical, as Sir Peter Wakefield, the British Ambas-sador to Beirut, said in an inerview published here, because unfortunately we do

not have that much capital to

The Government is planning the reconstruction of Lebanon in two phases. First, it wants to rebuild and repair believes that the Leba-communications—the harbour, suffer their inflation airport, telephone system, electricity supplies and roadswhich made Beirut the centre of Middle East commercial life. Only then will they turn to the again.

productive economic sector, the "President Sarkis". productive economic sector, the factories destroyed during the that security is mor 19 months of fighting.

Dr al-Hoss says that money for this can be secured from the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development and the Saudi Development Fund. is a lot more peace, "We are going to stick to the Northern Ireland."

basics of free enterpi Prime Minister quoted as saying.
But so far donations from the to their Lebanese counterparts at a conference organized by states have not maare feeling the squeeze which the w cally, remporarily k them. The foreign (flowed into Lebanon. the rival armies has d ...

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Unconditional pardons for Dr Waldheim unaware of Polish workers demanded

in riots over food prices last summer, said today that it would carry on its work despite a promise of pardons by Mr Gierek, the party

reasons for which it was set up still existed. It pledged to go on demanding unconditional perdons for those in prison, the reinstatement of dismissed workers, and punishment for police convicted of brutality in handling the riots. The officials responsible for the food riots should admit their guilt. Mr Gierek announced last

pardon for workers who sepretted their actions last up of a commission to study a pardon for workers who In a statement delivered to Reuter and AP.

Warsaw, Feb 7.—The Polish foreign reporters in Warsaw, Workers' Defence Committee, the committee said that the set up to help workers jailed pardon was the "first step the committee said that the pardon was the "first step towards making up the wrongs done to participants in the workers' demonstrations. "But the decision of the Council of State is not without omissions... It covers only those who 'repent'... This requires the prisoners to.
humble themselves and
excludes those who openly

> terests." The committee added that it was sincerely concerned about approval by Mr Gierek and the Council of State for the actions of the police who had beaten workers arrested after the dis-

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defended the workers

week that he had proposed to turbances last June. the Council of State the setting Mr Gierek's propo Mr Gierek's proposal would mainly affect 58 workers jailed ar Radom and the Ursus plant for collective violence and damaging state property.--

setback to peace tour From Our Own Correspondent

Foreign Minister had just made "the only possible negotiator" in the Middle East and Dr Waldnize a United Nations role in Middle East negotiations, Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United But he emphasized that Nations Secretary General, Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia arrived in Beirut this morning attached considerable importwith nothing but optimism about the Arab leaders' readiness to conclude a settlement this year.

After inspecting a rather solitary, windswept guard of honour made up of buglers from the Lebanese Internal Security Force, he told re-porters at the airport that he was impressed by the Arabs' determination to find a solution and said that the Palestinians

were "ready to negotiate about a Palestinian state.

did not, however, see himself in Beirut, Feb 7 the role of mediator. Mr Allon Unaware that the Israeli had said the United States was

week before President Marcos declared martial law in Sep-tember 1972. before President Marcos

But he emphasized that ance to his tour. "They believe", he said, "that this is a unique oportunity to get into the substance of the problem." Dr Waldheim, who had flown

to expand on his discussions with Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation organization, although his reference to Palestinian "flexibility" was a hint that the PLO largely accepts the concept of a minia-Ignorant though he may have ture state within Palestine and been of Mr Yigal Allon's com- the ercognition of Israel as the ment in Tel Aviv, Dr Waldheim basis of a settlement.

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into Beirut from the Saudi capital of Riyadh, was unwilling

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ex parte injunctions October and November larbottle (Mercantile) sway, London, against il Westminster Bank, y were customers, two y were customers, two iks and three Egyptian ipanies (the buyers) the three banks from the buyers from re-neys payable to the emand under guaranad been entered into e of trading between id the buyers.

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The bank now applied to have the injunctions discharged so that the guarantees could be paid. The Egyptian defendants had been informed of the proceedings, but had petiter entered an appearance nor taken part in them. The bank had acquiesced in the injunctions against it for some time in the hope that the problems would be resolved. The Egyptian banks, however, were sceptical about the bank's reason for not paying and one of them had threatened that a continuing failure to pay might affect future business relations. The injunctions, not surprisingly, had no legal effect in Egypt.

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Harbottle's writs merely claimed injunctions against all the banks and the buyers to prevent the guarantees from being paid and declarations against each of the defendants that the buyers had no right to draw upon the guarantees. The only direct relief claimed against the banks was an injunction. His Lordship doubted whether the court would entertain the declarations at all. A claim for a declaration against A and B that C was not entitled to do something without claiming any declaratory relief against A or B themselves was most unusual. In many cases a claim for declaratory relief coupled with claims for permanent injunctions would no doubt form a proper basis for graning interlocutory injunctions, but in the present cases the claims and potential claims were highly unconvincing. They merely provided a contrived basis for seeking to obtain interlocutory relief and to bring the Egyptian defendants within the jurisdiction. When his Lordship dealt with the applications in October and November, ex parte and unopposed, those considerations were not as clear ex parte and unopposed, those considerations were not as clear as they were now.

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Even if one assumed that those considerations did not by themselves preclude the court from continuing the injunctions against the bank, Harbottle would still have to face an insuperable difficulty. They sought to prevent the bank from paying under the guarantees and debiting their account. It followed that the bank was either entitled to pay and debit Harbottle's account or it was not. To do so would either be in accordance with the bank's contract with Harbottle or in breach of it. If it was within the contract Harbottle would have no cause of action against the bank and therefore no basis for an injunction against it. If the payment was in breach, which the writs did not allege, Harbottle would have a claim in damages, and again injunctions would be inappropriate because they interfered with the bank's obligations to the Egyptian banks. The balance of convenience banks. The balance of conv hopelessly weighted against

His Lordship rejected those sub-missions. It was not a case of established fraud at all; the issues torned on contractual disputes.

Moreover, the authorities were against them. It was only in exceptional cases that the courts would interfere with the machinery of irrevocable obligations activated by harks. They were the second of the banks. They were the life-blood of international commerce and such obligations were regarded as collateral to the underlying rights and obligations between the merchants at either end of the banking chain. Except passible is clear tested of possibly in clear cases of fraud of which the basis had notice, the courts would leave the merchants to settle their disputes under the

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comed with their difficulties in enforcing such claims; those were risks which merchants took. Harbottle had taken the risk of the unconditional wording of the guarantees. The commitments of a bank were on a different level and must be allowed to be honoured, free from interference by the courts, otherwise trust in international commerce could be irreparably damaged.

Harbottle also complained that conclusive evidence provisions in counter-indemnities might leave them without redress against the bank. But there again that was what they had agreed to do, and those clauses were not contrary to public policy and would be enforced.

That dilemma might well have been recognized by Harbottle's advisers and might be the reason for drawing the writs in such a strange form, without asking for relief concerning the bank's obligations to Harbottle. Mr Alexander submitted that all of that dild not matter; that on the evidence the buyers were not entitled to payment under the guarantees and that their demands for payment were fraudulent; that the buyers should at all costs be prevented from obtaining the money; that if that was not done Harbottle might be left with worthless claims against the buyers and with no redress against the bank because of the terms of the counter-indemnities.

Finally Harbottle argued that only the bank had applied to discharge the injunctions; as the Egyptian banks and the buyers had not applied the court had no jurisdiction to discharge the injunctions had been granted ex parte on the basis of hurried applications. Now that the matter had come back to the court for full consideration why should the court not have inherent jurisdiction to discharge its prior discretionary order if it appeared right to do so, even though the person concerned had the person concerned had

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His Lordship saw no reason why the maintenance of inappropriate injunctions should depend on the acts of the Egyptian defend on the acts of the Egyptian defendants, particularly when the injunctions had no legal force in their country. On the contrary to maintain them in such circumstances would tend to lower the reputation of the English courts. Harbestle had entered on Ermunell y Halcomb ((1836) 3 Myl & Cr 737), but his Lordship did not consider that case to be binding authority: it was based on a remark made during discussion about a consent order.

Equally strong considerations applied in favour of discharging applied in favour of discharging the injunctions against the Egyptian banks and the buvers as against the English bank, and failure to take part in the proceedings should not deter his Lordship from discharging them, and he did not consider himself precluded by any authority.

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Now he is going to exhibit at the Ideal Home Exhibition and, if the GLC's fire regulations can be complied with, will be demonstrating his craft in Liberty's basement in May. He hopes the new orders will give him opportunities to extend his range. in a very literal sense wrought iron is a thing of the past. There is nobody left puddling iron today, and the scant

left pudding fron today, and the scant supplies that individual smiths can sometimes lay their hands on are either stocks from the past, or lumps enterprisingly retrieved by a firm in Bolton from demolished bridges and such. What we call wrought from nowadays is, in fact, mild steel, the principal difference being that it is harder to work

The craftsmanship with which the metal is forged and fashioned, though, has not changed so much. Smithies now are numbered by the hundred rather than in thousands, and many of those that survive are short of work. But without any of the input of financial and teaching resources which have engendered booms in the pottery and weaving craft industries, the smiths have maintained their traditional standards of workmanship, and more and more are looking to decorative and ornamental work for the private house and garden to provide the necessary supplement to their bread-and-butter earnings from general smithying and agricultural repairs.

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In my parents' cottage home we still have the bracket light fittings which my grandfather had made at the village forge years ago. He and the smith settled the design with a piece of chalk and rough sketches on a piece of iron culled from the scrap heap.

They complement the wrought iron fire basket, fire dogs and fire irons which an upbringing beside an open and often log-burning fire has caught me are quintessential elements of country life.

You could still commission and design pieces from your nearest smithy in much the same informal way but an increasing number of forges are now flanked with showrooms from which you might choose something ready made. Equally smiths are now well accustomed to fulfilling orders from far afield.

After a recent exhibition organized by the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas, for example, Wally Charles of Hereford, who works in traditional techniques with his son and one apprentice, got inquiries and orders for candlesticks, platters and display stands from Sweden, Canada, Saudi Arabia

It is a common aspiration among the smiths, who are inclined to think of themselves as under-regarded craftsmen. The Crafts Advisory Committee's publication, Craftsmen of Quality, which

publication, Craftsmen of Quality, which is crammed with potters, weavers and woodworkers, lists just one metalworker—Ivan Smith, of Droitwich.

He says: "I work alone, and there is a tight limit to the number of new commissions I could accept. I have built up a business forging glassmakers tools, and I would not want to let these guaranters down. Now cont. makers' tools, and I would not want to let those customers down. Nor can I turn my attention right away from restoration work, though when I do get an opportunity to do my own work I am more inspired by the Bauhaus, and prefer to have it rather primitive, letting the thing show for what it is rather than tarting it up in flowers and leaves."

When I spoke to him Ivan Smith was making a new gilded coroner to re-place one stolen from a statue in Westminster Abbey, but he also makes, as he says, "the equivalent of folk songs me says, the equivalent of folk songs—plain, customary articles for use and for delight. If you could get him on the spot to make and design something for you, he would be a worthwhile

One other smith has been added to the Committee's approved register since Craftsmen of Quality was compiled. James Horrobin, of Washford, in Somer-set, has also been chosen for the New Faces exhibition at the British Crafts Centre in Earlham Street, WC2, and his candlesticks and fire irons can be seen there this month.

Like Smith, Horrobin shuns are welding and prefers the hammer on the anvil to more sophisticated plant and machinery. "After 10 years doing a really good run of entirely traditional decorative ironwork I feel that now I have disested it all and can use it as fuel to feed my own thoughts."

He has high hopes of commissions from the Craft Centre exhibition, and

doubts they are likely to prove a poor investment for the customers. "I did chandelier six feet in diameter for

a local church about four years ago, and it cost them £500, which may have been a silly price. In any case it would cost at least three times as much now." cost at least three times as much now."

Like most others in the craft, Horrobin finds that the principal demand at the moment is for firehoods and firebaskets—partly, he thinks, because in 90 per cent of cases they can cure the problem of smoking fireplaces in old cottages. His inclination, though, is to turn to smaller work, "where I can pay more attention to working the iron throughout and bringing out the qualities of the material, more as a wood-carver would".

Even the largest firms which tackle work on a monumental scale will not turn away small orders. Richard Quinnell employs nine skilled blacksmiths at his forge in Leatherhead, from which the Department of the Euronment, the City Corporation, the GLC and the National Trust have been supplied with coats of arms, ornamental gates and belustrades.

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Most recently they have been fulfilling a contract rumning close to six figures in a Middle Eastern royal palace. But architectural metalwork on palace. But architectural metalwork on the grand scale only accounts for about half their time, Quinnell estimates. "If somebody comes in to have a spring welded or his chisels sharpened we would still oblige. People often come in for a little shelf, ornamental brackets, or a firehood. We will literally have a go at anything, from 70p to £70,000."

They will, for example, design and make you your own fireback, bearing perhaps your own personal coat of arms. If your family runs to crests, supporters and lots of twiddly bits, it could cost about £600-£700, but it will last much longer than a lifetime.

If you want something cheaper, indeed, it is easy to buy an exact copy of a lovely old fireback that has survived the centuries. The Kings Worthy Foundry produce some 50 patterns, all highly ornamental and guaranteed for the first year of use which should reware them to centuries. which should temper them to centuries of further service. Prices range from files to just over f76 including VAT and carriage charges, according to size and degree of intricacy, but I quite believe the claim that the pieces are liable to reappear in auction sales, represented as genuine antiques, and fetch far higher prices.

Alternatively, if you have an old cracked fireback of unusual design, the firm would be interested in making you a perfect reproduction free in return for the opportunity to add the pattern to their collection.

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To complement iron fireside equipment you might have an ornamental fire screen made to order—heavy decorative ones cost from about £120—or for a fire opening that is not too large you might prefer an Instantount fire curtain. The product has been successful enough to persuade one company to give up hand-forging for good. The curtain draws just as a curtain should, but is like a loose chainmail of black wire mesh. Made to measure for your fireplace it is a safeguard against falling logs and sparks, and for a standard opening up to 24 inches wide costs £22.95, with VAT and carriage to add. The manufacturers are Puritan Forge, PO Box 38, High Wycombe. Addresses for the craftsmen memoned are:

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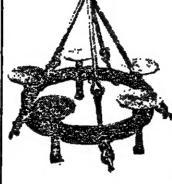
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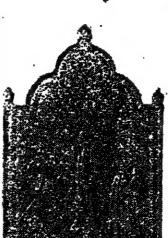
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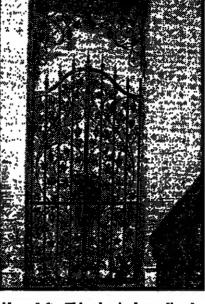
Craftsmen of Quality is published by the Crafts Advisory Committee, 12 Waterloo Place, London, SW1 and costs £1,50 (postage 30p).

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A much larger selection of smiths and forges, from which you will probably be able to find a convenient one to visit or commission from, will be found in the Craft Guide to Country Workshops, published by the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas, 35 Camp Road, Wimbledon, SW19 at 75p plus 17p postage, This is a useful and detailed book to keep in the car, so that it is always handy, and will often that it is always handy, and will often lead you to the unexpected pleasure of finding people who are at one with their work. Among the nicest to talk to are the men who derive their sense of achievement, and seemingly rid themselves of all aggression and other hang-ups, by the primeval process of pounding hot iron into shape.

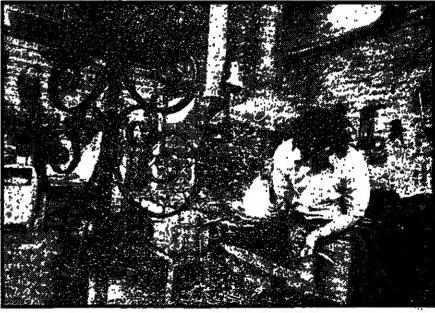






Above left: This pleasingly medieval chandelier by Walter Charles of and costs £70.

Left: Kings Worthy's Tree and Figures fireback, 201 inches wide and 30 inches high, costs £22.64 carriage paid. It is an exact copy of a Dutch original, discovered under the forge floor, and apparently shows Charles II and Nell Gwynne in an allegory of the Garden of Eden.



Above centre: Hand-forged ornamental gates by Richard Quinnell in a gates in original design cost about £150; a fine pair like this would be nearer £2,500.

Right: Smiths at work—in a stylized sign which is itself a fine example of the craft; and Above beside a real forge, both at Hyders Ltd, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Photographs by Harry Kerr



Katie Stewart

Making the loaves last

With fish, as with meat, you can pay more or less—according to variety. It is well worth taking a second look at some of the less expensive fish which, for some recipes, are just as good if you know how to use them. Coley, for instance has had increased sales over the past few years.

Coley has a greyish ringe to the flesh, but on cooking it goes whiter—particu-larly if you sprinkle it with lemon juice. It has a softer texture than cod but can be used in its place, particularly in any made up dishes.

Rock salmon has had its name changed, this time quite firmly by the trades description act, and is now called Huss. It has a flesh with a pink tinge and you will see Huss on the fish-mongers slab as long thin fillets since it is always skinned beforehand.

Monk fish is another that you never see with the skin on because it is an ugly looking fish, again the flesh wholesome but very mild in flavour. Fillets of monk fish should be very well seasoned for cooking or you could mari-nate the flesh in an oil and vinegar dressing with chopped parsley, season-ing, lemon juice and onion before you dip the pieces in beaten egg and bread-crumbs for frying. Whiting is a member of the haddock family end has a white flesh with a nice flavour and is very digestible. Small whiting tend to be rather boney, but the plumper ones can be filleted and then egg and bread-crumbed and fried like plaice.

Baking in the oven is a convenient method of cooking most fish because it requires very little supervision. Take fillers of fish, cut in neat pieces, or steaks cut from thicker fish like cod and set them in a well buttered baking dish which has been sprinkled with a little chopped onion or shallot.

Season the fish well and add a bay leaf or a few parsley stalks, a squeeze of lemon juice and enough liquid to cover the base of the dish. Put a greased paper on top and bake in the centre of a moderate oven (350 deg F Gas No 4) for about 15-20 minutes. You can tell when the fish is ready if you press it gently at the thickest part

The flesh of the cooked fish is firm

and will separate into flakes. Cider is nice to use for cooking fish and it's cheaper than wine. Choose a dry cider and use it with a few peppercurus and a bay leaf. Sarain off afterwards and include the cider as part of the liquid to make a sauce and then stir in a little cream cooked myshorous or herbs. to make a sence and then stir in a little cream, cooked mushrooms or herbs. The same applies when milk, or milk and water is used. It can be included in a parsley or cheese sauce or in a simple white sauce into which you can slice hard boiled eggs and use to cover the cooked fish. A home-made tomato sauce is particularly good to serve over fish because it adds lots of flavour. You can roll up fillets of whiting with a parsley and thyme stuffing inside and then use any liquid to make up a a parsiey and thyme sturing inside and then use any liquid to make up a cheese sauce for serving them. On the other hand if you buy smaller cail end cuclets of cod and, with a scissors, snip our the bane in the centre of each, a little stuffing can be pressed into the space in the middle. Remember that the bland flavour of fish harmonizes the bland flavour of fish harmonizes. very well with other flavours like lemon, fresh herbs, shallots, spring onion, cheese, tomato, prawns, anchovies, mushrooms and even the crunchiness of nuts.

A nice old fashioned recipe like fish pie can be made up in a variety of interesting ways. It is especially good if a mixture of smoked and white fish is used. Or, you can use white fish and a small tin of salmon or some peeled prawns. The sauce for the fish can be prayms. The sauce for the fish can be varied by including parsley, or cheese, or hard boiled eggs. It can be served either by purting the fish and sauce into a pie dish and topped with creamed potato or, using the same basic ingredients, you can pipe the potato round the edges of individual scallop dishes and part the field and sauce in the middle and put the fish and sauce in the middle. The latter makes a nice party or fork kind of refined mashed potato that cooked potatoes through a sieve, or push them through a Mouli—potato lumps will drive you mad if you attempt to pipe it otherwise. For 14lb mashed potato and loz butter, a good seasoning

of salt and pepper and about 4 table-spoons hot milk. Then bear with a wooden snoon until the potato is light and creamy. Serves 4

1-11b white fish, haddock, cod fillet or colev:

1-11b smoked haddock or cod fillet; } pint milk :

1 slice lemon; 1 bay leaf and parsley stalks; pint white coating sauce—see recipe; Flavourings to taste see recipe.

Rinse the fish and cut into pieces to

fit into a saucepan. Put into a pan with the milk, a slice of lemon, bay leaf and parsley stalks. Add a little water to barely cover the fish. Cover with a lid and simmer gently until tender—about 15 minutes. Lift out the fish and when cool remove skin and bones and break the flesh into loose flakes (do not mash it up). Strain off

the cooking liquor and use ½ pint of it to make up a coating sauce with 110z butter and loz flour for the roux. Cool the sauce for a few minutes and season it well. Stir in the flaked fish and any one of the following: 2 heaped tablespoons finely chopped parsley or 2 chopped hard boiled eggs or 2oz grated cheese or 2 teaspoons anchovy essence. Taste the mixture and add a little lemon juice and freshly milled pepper as required. Turn the mixture into a buttered pie

dish and cover with the well seasoned creamed potato. Fork up the top and dot with flakes of butter or you can brush a little melted butter and sprinkle with grated parmesan cheese if you happen to have a drum of it on the pantry shelf. If you have taken care to make a smooth creamed potato you can pipe the potato on top with a large star tube. Either way place near the top of a hot oven (400 degrees F or Gas No 6) for about 20 minutes until the potato is nicely browned on top before

Kedgeree can be a very tasty dish if you use the liquid from pozching the fish to cook the rice. This way you get flavour into the rice and I know of no other method that improves on the one in this recipe.

Kedgeree

lilb smoked cod fillet; bay leaf and few parsley stalks;

1 lemon: 1 oz butter:

I small onion, finely chopped;

Soz long grained rice; 1 pint boiling liquor (from poaching the

chopped parsley;

1 hard boiled egg.

Rinse the fish and cut into convenient sized pieces for the pan. Add about 15 pints water just to cover and put in the bay leaf, parsley stalks and slice of the lemon. Simmer until tender—about 15 minutes. Carefully drain off the liquor, taste and check the seasoning and then keep 1 pint of it for cooking the rice. Cool the fish slightly, remove skin and bones and break up the flesh into loose flakes. Melt the butter in a good sized saucepan and add the chopped onion and the rice. Fry gently for a few minutes tossing the onion, butter and rice together, then stir in the boiling fish liquor. Cover with a close fitting lid and simmer very gently until the rice is tender and the liquid all absorbed—takes about 20 minutes. Stir in the flaked fish carefully using a fork.

Taste and add a little lemon juice, a
few extra dots of butter and a little
extra freshly milled pepper if required. Pile into a hot serving dish and garnish with chopped parsley, the chopped hard boiled egg white and the sieved hard boiled egg yolk. Serve with extra slices

It is worth experimenting with fish soups too and I'm told they are nice if you use pieces or trimmings of one or a mixture of white fish like cod, coley or huss along with herbs, a few flavouring vegetables like colory and carrot and perhaps the addition of a few prawns or some of those frozen mussels.

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8. This practice direction does not apply to orders for costs under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act. 1973, to taxation of costs in civil proceedings, nor to the exercise of the court's inherent jurisdiction to order a solicitor personally to pay the costs thrown away.

Another Practice Direction deals with the allowance and distribution of the costs thrown and distribution of the costs thrown and distribution of the costs thrown and distribution of the costs of t with the allowance and dis-allowance of costs ordered to be paid out of central funds in criminal cases in the Crown Court.

It reads:
1. Section 3(1) of the Costs in criminal Cases Act, 1973, provides that where a person is prosecuted or tried on indictaent before the Crown Court the court may (a) order the payment out of central funds of the costs of the prosecution; (b) if the of central funds of the costs of the prosecution; (b) if the accused is acquitted, order the payment out of central funds of the costs of the defence. Similar provision is made in sub-section (2) in respect of appeals to the Crown Court against conviction or sentence, and section 18 extends section 3 to include other proceedings in the Crown Court. There is in addition a power to pay witnesses' expenses and to order that where the costs are awarded to the accused the costs incurred before examining justices may be

included.

2. The costs to be paid belong to the presecutor or the accused, as the case may be, and are "such sums as appear to the Crown Court reasonably sufficient (a) to compensate the prosecutor, or as the case may be, the accused, for

the case may be, the accused, for
the expenses properly incurred by
him in carrying on the proceedings" (subsection (3)).

3. The amount of costs ordered
to be paid are to be ascertained
on tarrilon by the appropriate
officer of the Crown Court (subsection (6)).

4. In deciding whether to make
an order for costs out of central

an order for costs out of central funds the court should in the first funds the court should in the first instance have regard (a) in the case of the prosecutor—to the principle that an order should normally be made unless the proceedings have been instituted or presented without reasonable cause; (b) in the case of an accused who has been acquitted—to the writering that in the every accused who has been acquitted—
to the principle that in the exercise of its discretion the court
will normally award costs out of
central funds when it has power
to do so in favour of a successful defendant unless there are
positive reasons for making a
different order. Examples of such
reasons are set out in Practice
Direction (Costs: Successful Defendants) ([1973] 1 WLR 718).

5. If after considering the
matter on the principles set out
in paragraph 4 the court decides
to make an order, it nevertheless
(a) must direct the appropriate
officer to disallow the costs
incurred in respect of any items
if it is plain that those costs were
not properly incurred; such costs not properly incurred; such costs are not payable under the 1973 Act; (b) may direct the appro-price officer to consider or in-

vestigate on taxation any items

if it appears that the costs in respect of them may have been improperly incurred. Costs not

property incurred include costs in respect of work unreasonably done, eg, if the case has been

conducted unreasonably so as to fucur unjustifiable expense, or costs have been wasted by failure to conduct the proceedings with reasonable competence and expedition. The precise terms of the order for costs and of any direction should be entered in the court record.

5. Where the court has in mind that a direction in accordance with paragraph 5(a) or 5(b) might be given it should inform any party whose costs might be affected or his legal representative of the precise terms thereof and give a resecondly concerning to the according to the control of the precise terms thereof and give a resecondly concerning to the control of the precise terms thereof and give a secondly concerning to the control of the precise terms thereof and give a second of the precise terms reasonable opportunity to show cause why no direction should be given. This should normally be done in chambers at such time as the court faints proper. If the court decides to give a direction it may announce the decision in open court if of the opinion that it is in the interests of justice to do so. If a direction is given under property life to the court should paragraph 5(b) the court should inform the party concerned of his right to make representations to the appropriate officer.

7. Whether or not any direction under paragraph 5(a) or 5(b) has been given the appropriate officer.

been given, the appropriate officer may consult the court on any matter touching the allowance or disallowance of costs. At this stage a direction under paragraph 5(a) will not be appropriate.

8. If the court gives a direction under paragraph 5(b) or a similar direction on being consulted under paragraph 7, the appropriate officer should afford to any party whose costs may be adversely affected or his legal representative an opportunity to make representations in relation thereto.

9. On taxation the appropriate officer should have regard to: the terms of the order made and any direction given by the court; any representations in relation to them; all relevant information available to him from the court record, the documents in the case,

record, the documents in the case, or otherwise.

10. This Practice Direction does not apply to the payments of costs under the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Fees and Expenses) Regulations, 1968, to orders for costs inter partes made under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act. 1973, to costs awarded in civil proceedings by virtue of Order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, nor to the exarcise of the court's inherent jurisdiction to order a solicitor personally to pay the costs thrown away by his negligence: R v Smith away by his negligence: R v Smith (Martin) ([1975] QB 531).

Jailed man freed on appeal

Muhammad Khan, a restaurant proprietor, who was sentenced to 18 months' jail last September for social security frauds, was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday. The court said the action was justified because his family was suffer-ing greatly and he had repaid the £860 he obtained fraudu-

Mr Khan, of London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, who was sentenced at St Albans Crown Court, was said to have resorted to fraud when his business was not doing well.

supper dish. For fish pie you must pre-pare creamed potato for the toppingis very smooth and suitable for piping. For this you should press the hot,

Use smoked cod fillet to make a kedgeree. It's cheaper than smoked had-

dock and easier to clean off the bones.

Football

England can begin their 'world check-up' at home tomorrow

Football Correspondent

Paul Madeley, who was sorely disappointed not to have been chosen in England's party for tochosen in England's party for tomorrow's match against The Netherlands at Wembley (8.0), could
play after all. McFarland, the
Derby County central defeuder,
yesterday pulled a hamstring white
training with England and may
return home today. Don Revie,
the manager, immediately asked
Madeley if he could join the
party and, though the Leeds
United player's attitude to international football has been questrain to London.

England have now lost two central defenders, because Thomp-son, of Liverpool, withdrew with a groin strain on Saturday. The news of other casualties in the party was generally better. Fran-cis, the Birmingham City forward, who has bruised toes, did not train who has bruised toes, did not frant vesterday, but is much improved; Hughes and Cherry; both with strained hamstrings, are also overcoming their problems, and Brooking, Clement and Royle are expected to be fully fit.

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World Cup qualifying match in Italy after an injury. He turned down the chance of playing in Mexico with Sir Alf Ramsey's 1970 team, and did not go to the United States last sum-

Mr Revie said: " I need him, so I have sent for him. I was en-couraged by the fact that he said 'yes' right away. It is difficult to talk about the situation, but I will discuss his future attitude to England with him in the next few days. I can only judge each case on its merits, as I did when Kevin Keegan went away. When Paul said in 1970 he did not want to go to Mexico I warned him that he could be ending his Interna-tional career." Madeley has won

accumulated. Madeley's outstanding games for Leeds over the first half of the season have shown that he is still one of the best defenders in the country and could be particularly useful against a forward of Cruyff's ability. Mr Revie insisted that Cruyff will get no special attention from any one defender. attention from any one defender, adding "unless he gets a lot of

Watson and Hughes hold hands before they try to hold the Dutch.

Strength regained at Sunningdale

M. King with whom, as an amateur, he won the event in 1972. Other England internationals involved are H. Stott, C. S. Mitchell, P. McEvoy, and G.

S. Mitchell, P. McEvoy, and G. Godwin.
C. Clark and M. Hughesdon from the home club will defend their title, and the runners-up

last year, B. J. Hunt and I. Stungo, have also entered again. Two of last year's motable partnerships have tome back for more, N. C. Coles, partnered by J. Tarbuck, and B. Gallacher by

J. Tarbuck, and B. Gallacker by T. Lennon. Although women have featured in half the 34 fluals played to date, there has been a growing feeling that they have insufficient power when the going is heavy, as it frequently is at that time of year, to match the men, even since their handicap has been raised to six. However, Jennifer Lee-Smith, the British stroke-play champion, and Vivien Saunders, playing off five as a woman professional, have returned, encouraged no doubt by having reached, with the aid of a bye, the fifth round last time.

Two professionals are partnered

room". The Dotch arrive today with Cruyff in the centre of confor Barcelons on Sunday. He was sent off for dissent near the end of a 2—1 win over Malaga. The referee was attacked and the crowd. ran riot outside the ground. It was several hours before peace was restored. Cruyff faces the possi-bility of a suspension for allegedly insulting the referee.

Whatever the result of England' attempts to qualify for the World Cup, Mr Revie feels it is time to attempt a "world check-up of attempt a "world check-up of football from schoolboy to inter-national level". The idea would be for him and coaching assistants to visit foreign countries to study their whole approach to football. He explained: "People come from all over the world to look at us. but we never go to look at them.

I feel there is always something
you can learn." In the meantime
the chance of Jearning something from the Dutch tomorrow is as important as the score. Their team will probably line up as follows:

NETHERLANDS : P. Schrijvers W. Suurbier, W. Rijsbergen, R. Krol, H. Hovenkamp, W. van der Kerkhof, J. Neeskens, J. Peters, J. Rep. J. Cruyff, R. Reasenbrink.

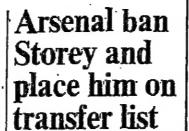
by their sons, Peter Alliss by Garry, professional at Trevose, and Syd Scott by Allan. Among the married couples are Steven and

Ann Sander. Mrs Sander, three times United States women's amateur champion, and living now in Britain, was out at the weekend playing her first round since the birth of a son.

Also on show at Spaningdale.

where play was confined to the New course, were the Oxford University team, who came close to what would have been a nut-able victory against the club. They

led the morning foursomes by 3i-2i, and won the first two matches when the format was repeated after lunch. But the club won the



Peter Store, of Arsenal, has been suspended for a week and placed on the transfer list after a breach of club discipline. Storey refused to train with thet first team last Friday after playing in a Football Combination game the previous day. The manager, Terry Neill, said: "Storey has made it quite clear that he does not want to play for the reserves. He said he would rather move somewhere else."

It is the second time Storey has been in trouble at Highbury. Under Bertie Mee's reign as manager he was suspended, also for failing to turn up for training.

Better news for Mr Neill is that George Armstrong may not be leaving the club after all—but not through lack of trying. The long-serving winger plays for the reserves at Oxford tonight after failing to agree terms with Brighton, Fulham, Sunderland and Reading. "He will be considered for the first team as he is playing for the club," Mr Neill said.

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Returning to the theme of discipline Mr Neill said: "I spoke to the whole of the squad, but I have not disciplined Rostron. I've left him in so doubt as to what action I will take in future no matter how great the provocation of the squad of

Finnieston, Chelsea's leading scorer, was discharged from Charscorer, was discharged from Charing Cross Hospital yesterday with
a fractured cheekbone, but could
be playing again within three
weeks. The Chelses manager, Mr
McCreadie. said: "The injury is
not as serious as we first feared
and he will be able to do light
training as long as he avoids heading the ball."
England's game against the
Netherlands at Wembley tomorrow looks a sell-out.

Today's fixtures

SECOND DIVISION 17.301: Orient Blackpool.
THIRD DIVISION 17.301: Presson North End of Swindon Town.
FORTH DIVISION (7.301: H2:52-Town v Turnay United: Scuntherpe United v Barnaley (7.15).
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION (7.30): Raith Rovers v Arteroath.
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SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division North: Bedworth v Cambridge City: South: Canterbury v Barner (7.30): NORTHERN PREIMIER LEAGUE: NORTHERN PREIMIER LEAGUE: Northern Preimier League.

Table tennis

Record entry for world

to seven more than the previous best at Serajevo, Yugoslavia, four years ago. More countries will be taking part than have ever con-tested a major sporting event in England are unchanged for the

TEAMS: England: D. Douglas (War-rickshire), D. Neale (Clavelland), P. Day (Cambridgeshire), C. Knight (Cleveland), L. Howard (Surrey), Hungar: 1, Joayer, T. Klampar, O, Oergety, J. Magos, B. Bishazi,

Semi-final pairings

after lunch. But the club won the last four and scraped home by a single point. The withdrawal of Hughesdon with a spraiged wrist led to a reshuffle in the home side and the bringing together of G. H. Micklem and the Walker Copplayer, J. H. Davies in a successful partnership. The club showed resilience in its age range, for, in contrast to Micklem, who is 65, they also included M. Battersby, a 17-year-old club cader, who is a boy international. The pairings for the semi-final round of the British mational amateur squash rackets champion-ship, to be played at Wimbledon Stadium this evening, are: J. C. A. Leelle (Buckinghamshire) v P. N. Ayton (Sussex) and S. H. Courtney (Glamorgan) v J. L. Richardson (Surrey).

championships

. A record entry of 59 countries will contest the world table tenuis championships at Birmingham from March 26 to April 5. This

Umparalleled record of consistency of Judy Rankin on the golf courses of the world

Is she fairest of the fairways?

Who is the greatest woman golfer of the day? The answer to such a question is easier to find if applied to men than to women. Jack Nicklaus makes it simple so long as he continues to win those stands on which he has marked. events on which he has really set his heart as distinct from those that form part of his preparatory

By Peter Ryde Golf Correspondent Another large entry for the Sunfingdale open foursomes this year from March 22 to 25 indicates

that even if its professional quality suffered in recent years to the point where the continu-ance of the tournament became

questioned, amateur enthusiasm has regained much of its strength.

An entry of 252 pairs for the event has had to be limited to 160, playing, as usual, on both the Old and New courses.

reflects impatience on the part of golfers to get into action after the long winter break, especially in a Walker Cup year. This may explain the presence in the field of eight of last year's essentially yours. Expland eide among them

of eight of last year's essentially young England side, among them the English champion, P. Deeble, travelling from Northumberland with the professional E. Large. A. W. Lyie, a strong contender for Walker Cup honours, is partnered by another member of the England side, M. Poxon, who has since turned professional, returning one of the lower totals in the qualifying school last

that form part of his preparatory training.

In any case there are yardsticks and signposts to guide us in the men's world. Not everybody, accepts them; a growing hody of opinion is becoming sceptical of the overriding eminence bestowed in the past 15 years on the Big Four events—the British and United States Opens, the United States Masters and the Professional Golfers Association Championship of the United States.

Gary Player's achievement in winning eight of these major titles is proportionately greater than it looks set heside Nicklaus's total of 14, since they were all achieved outside his native country, whereas in the case of Nicklaus all but two of his victories, the British Opens of 1366 and 1970, were won inside his own country. But even Player would surely now concede that Nicklaus is the greatest. The

Player would surely now concede that Nicklaus is the greatest. The Big Four provide a rough and ready guide, reinforcing the dollar evidence, which is weighty enough in itself.

in itself.

In women's golf no such yardsticks apply, or if they do they
are not clearly marked. Kathy
Whitworth was leading money winner for a stretch of eight years
from 1965 broken only by Carol
Mann in 1969, yet she has not won
the United States Women's Open.
Hers is, or was, a supremacy
reckoned purely in terms of
tournaments and dollars won. She
may not be quite ready to vacate
her throne, for she won twice last
year and, at 37, still has one
milestone to reach in addition to
her first Open title, that of passing Mickey Wright's record total
of \$2 tournament victories. To of 82 tournament victories. To date Miss Whitworth's total is 77. Could the next one to reach glory and a wiche in the Hall of Fame be Judy Rankin, who has just completed the most successful year's golf in women's history from a financial point of view the should be though not only the \$100,000 barrier for the first time but the \$150,000 mark as well. In case it should be thought that this was the work of inflation rather than of her own

money.

Her family commitments may prevent her riding on to glory.

After she had won the last of her six victories, the Hongkong Open in November, she said she doubted if she would play so much in 1977; Her reason was almost word for word the same as I once heard Nicklaus give for playing in fewer tournaments. "I do not want", she said, "to wake one day and suddenly find my son is grown up." She had intended to ease off last year but was playing (and above all, putting) so well, that she decided she had no choice but to carry on in a glory.

no choice but to carry on in a winning streak. glory. Close behind them come Sandra



Judy Rankin, punches one down the fairway.

skills, she recorded six victories in the same season and left her nearest rival mearly \$50,000 behind. It was an astonishing performance from a mother and a physical lightweight. Belvind that achievement is an unparalleled record in consistency. Up to the end of last season, apart from three dimes failing to make the cut in the US Women's Open and once in a tournament when she was ill, she has never failed to be in the prize money.

Her family commitments may prevent her riding on to glory. After she had won the last of her six victories, the Hongkong Open in November, she said she doubted if she would play so much in 1977; Her reason was almost in 1977; Her reason was almost in 1977; Her reason was almost in the same recorded the open championship, yet it is not possible to say that either has less out of the picture last season out of the picture last season. Sandra Palmer, who swept all before her in 1975, and Donna three times in four years but whose family commitments prevent her now from playing enough to stay in the limelight. What weight is to be attached to joanne Carner's record as an amateur, one that, with its five mination of a player's greatness. Yet Colyate have established such a network of tournaments in the American calendar, each carrying to make the cut in the US will tilless forced her clean out of the picture last season. Sandra Palmer, who swept all before her in 1975, and Donna three times in four years but whose of four tournament victories in a manteur, one that, with its five mination of a player's greatness. Yet Colyate have established such a network of tournaments in the lowest scoring average of anyone who completed 70 tournament. Yet, in that engagingly honest

yardstick of sorts.

Not a single leading professional is willingly absent from the Winners Circle at Palm Springs in the spring. Victory at Sunningdate or in the Far East championship gives a player's reputation a breadth which certainly counts in men's ratings. And the Triple Crown finds is creme de la creme among the best performers in Colgate events.

Any player who performed the

Any player who performed the grand slam in the four Colgate events would not only add a bonus of 100,000 dollars to the prize money earned, but would have survived a test in staming, for the events are spread through-out the year. In adaptability, for she would have won in three different continents, as well as in courage, for the prize money is some of the highest of the year.

The drawback against such a yardstick is that it is highly unlikely ever to be achieved, and there is no guarantee of con-tinuity through the years. how-ever flourishing the firm's outlook may appear at present. So the ultimate crown is still seeking a head to pass to when Miss Whit-

worth gives up.

Not that this matters. It may
suit the men to have hard-set
categories of excellence, but percategories of excellence, but personal preference should sometimes be allowed its head unrestrained by hard statistics. None of those I have mentioned may take that final step to the pinnacle. It will then remain to be seen whether the abundantly promising start made by such young women as Amy Alcott ("Do people realize I am only 20?"), Jan Stephenson, and Pat Bradley can come in full flowering without being blighted by an abundance of dollars. dance of dollars.

Miller makes his 52 a test case

Cricket Correspondent Indore, Feb 7

A tediously unadventurous match ended in a draw here this evening with Bombay in their second innings having made 97 for five after being set to score 220 to win in 210 minutes. I would like to think that by their visit to Indore the two sides have done the game some good, but h is hard to know. is hard to know.

Brearley's declaration at lunch, the third of the match, could, and should, have 'ed to an interesting should, have !ed to an interesting afternoon's cricket. Instead, MCC bowled 11 six-ball overs in the first hour of Bombay's second innings, while Gavaskar, Bombay's capitals and far and away their best batsman, fadled to do us even the courtesy of coming In. Never long passed without a ball going out of shape or a batsman being bit on the finger or a fielder leaving the field. It was an altogether fatile piece of play, watched with the patience of innocence by another capacity crowd.

This morning Woolmer, for the

ships that carried them. The mesage: "Oxford have boat, will travel" has already been telegraphed to Cambridge and just as quickly shrugged off. Oxford plan to race in this year's event in a Carbocraft—the first production eight to spring from the revolutionary Carbon Tiger designed for the British Olympic electric Monreel but which effect.

eight in Montreal but which, after rigger problems, was left on the

rack in the Olympic basin. Cam-bridge took delivery on Sunday of their new wooden shell and regard Oxford's first natrical cub

out of the Carbon Tiger as a paper one as for as this year's

The difference in weight between the two boats is not known (and probably well disguised) but an

unconfirmed report estimates that Oxford will have a 40lb advantage in weight. David Searle, the Cambridge president, concedes that the Oxford boat may be lighter "but their only advantage would be on the start and that will depend on the start and that

will depend on the men rather than the boat ".

" The 40th advantage ", according to Mr John Wellicombe, a lec-turer in ship science at South-ampton University "would,

ampron University would, according to my calculations, and assuming all other things equal, be worth about four seconds (just over a length) over an 18-minute Boat Race course.

Boat Race course ".
In rough conditions at Radley

last Thursday, Oxford started the day with an ultra-light boat but finished with a much leavier one. The riggers on the new boat simply invited the water into their

simply mixited the water into their boat and Oxford were in serious trouble before Hollywood. They have sensibly demanded new aerofoil riggers designed to keep watery gatecrashers away on Boat

breaking run. Only turee of the seven available Oxford Blues from last year remain affoat but a wiser and fitter world junior silver medal winner, Mones-Coutts, swells the number to four.

Added to that, Oxford's freshman

race is concerned.

Cambridge have no fear

of the 'paper tiger'

This morning, Woolmer, for the eighth time in his 14 innings on the rour, got out between 15 and 30, a casual on-side flick being brilliantly caught by a substitute fielder lurking near the square-leg ampire. Although handicapped by

a stiff back which prevented him a Mill Dack which prevented him from bowling this afternoon, Mil-ler, who scored 32, played better than Washmer while they were together, thing the ball well off his less and schapeller melicies. his legs and generally making a case for his inclusion in Friday's Test ream if he is fit. This evening he. Tolchard (another split finger suffered at short leg). Randall and Old (back trouble) were all re-porting to the physiotherapist for

treatment.
In the field MCC went through the motions, not much more. Brearley kert wicker as though

MCC: First limings, 308 for 4 de M. Breakey Ty, K. W. R. Fletch not out. D. W. Randell 61 not ou A. Woolmer 60). Second Include
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American, Shealy, a 1974 World champion and Olympic finalist in eights; the Australian, Michelmore, a world lightweight gold and bronze medal winner, and the

in Randall's absence, taking care in Randall's absence, taking care of the fluger be damaged within keeping wicket on Sunday, there were some unfunny attempts by one or two of the others to do one or two or the others to do
rather grumpily, Old rather inaccurately, Cope rather mechanicelly, Nalk made 19 in just under two hours. Solker 34 not out in three hours. Then, mercifully, it all ended. The players of neither side can have been satisfied with what they had attempted or

BOMBAY: First innings, 201 for

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Boxing



Miller: timed the bal

WBC authori

bout in Liver Mexico City, Feb 7.—Tu Boxing Council today au John Conteh, Britain's wor

heavyweight champion, to his title against Len Burr the United States, in Li-on March S. The council winner would have to meet Cuello, of Argentina, vi.

Colleon was to have Cuello on March 5. The Aucut himself in training le and asked for a two-week posement. (Cuello said in Aires today that, after her Conteh's plans to meet H he had cabled the WBC

he was fit to fulfil his appointment.)
José Sulaiman, the W.
dent, announcing the

Coello every opportunity this challenge. The 60-day after March 5 was designed the Argentine plenty to recover from his injury.

Mr Sulaiman said the would cable Cuello today: him of his right to challeng course. Coello is worries.

course, Cuello is worried losing his chance to fight,

of now we are assuring to his rights will be respecte

The lujury to Cuello's a the latest in a series of p which have dogged the pr of Conteh's third defence:

don the title in October 15

Conteh's

Minter faced by two

Two former British middle-weight champions yesterday chal-lenged Alan Minter for the Euro-

Canadias, Moran—a Henley win-ner. Oxford have a formidable potential lineup. A glance at Oxford's designated A crew last week was sufficient to indicate that the crew is more or less selected. Oxford intent to keep their men on ice for a pionship bouts last Alternatively, Burns invited Minter to relinquish the British title so that Finnegan and Sterling, the two top contenders, could box while yet with Isls oarsmen— tutton. Vardey and Burgess— awaiting a sudden thaw. Any complacency in the Oxford camp. complacency in the Oxford camp, too, will be quickly removed by Daniel Topolski, the Oxford head coach. Topolski rowed against Cambridge at Ely over the weekend in the British lightweight eight. Topolski will tell Oxford: "Cambridge are really quite impressive. They are aggressive and after a minute or two really turn the screw." He will also add, mischierously: "Whenever they are down they tend to keep their

"Minter may decide to do this.

If not, he should now be prepared to defend both titles against pared to defend both titles against Finnegan. On the strength of his two fights with Minter last year, Kevin is at least second best and arguably the best middleweight in Europe today. Many people helieve that he beat Minter last time out."

Shealy looks set for the anchor seat at six in the Oxford crew, in spite of his remarkable record as

spite of his remarkable record as a stroke man. The Australian, Michelmore, is favourite for the stroke seat. Shealy told me last week: "It's going to be a change at six and a real treat." This moustachioed race winner, who seems to crack a joke a second and occasionally raise a laugh ou the hour, seems oblivious to physical pain.

Oxford start the week well satisfied with their superior showing fied with their superior showing over the Tideway Scullers on the Tideway during the weekend. Cama bridge, who announced their crew last week, have already changed their order with Horton moving to six and Cooke Yarborough back

down they tend to keep their cohesion and are remarkably well

The facts are that Oxford started favourites for the 1977 Boat Race as soon as they crossed the line last year in their recording your Only these of the

Motor racing

Porsche predominant

Daytona Beach, Florida, Feb 7.

A Porsche Carrera, co-driven by the 1973-1975 winner, Hurley Haywood and two fellow Americans, John Graves and Dave Helmick, took over the lead with three hours and three minutes remaining and sped on to victory today in the 24-hour Daytona endurance race. The race covered 2,615 miles at an average speed of better than 108 miles an hour.

Second place went to Martino Finotto and Carlos Facetti, of Italy, in a Porsche 935 turbo, more than three laps around the 3.84-mile course. Reinhold Joest, of West Germany, and Bob Wollek, of France, leaders throughout most

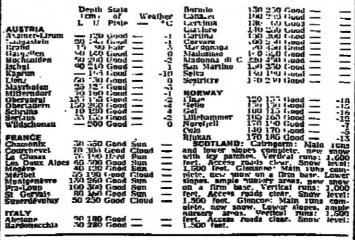
of the event, brought their Porsche 935 home third after los-ing valuable ground with a uag-ging wheel problem. Paul Newman, the actor and Milt Minter and Elliott Forbes-Robinson, of United States, motored to an impressive fifth place in a Ferrari Daytona,

Skiing

Latest European snow reports

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in the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



Tennis

Football

challengers

lenged Alan Minter for the European title he won by knocking out Germano Velsecchi in Milan on Friday night.

George Francis challenged on behalf of Bunny Sterling and Sam Burns on behalf of Kevin Finnegan, whom Minter twice narrowly beat in British championship boots last year.

for it.

"It seems to be the fashion for a man to give up his British championship when he wins the European", Burns said yesterday.

out."

Both Finnegan and Sterling have a valid claim for consideration and, when Minter finds too great the pressure of holding two titles and being called on to defend them regularly, they will probably meet for the British championship, which each of them gave up in turn, to concentrate on Europe

Green meets American Dave Green, the British lighttops the bill at the Albert Hall on February 22. Green meets a rising American, Ray Hammond, over 10 rounds. Hammond has

won 14 of his 16 bouts.

Richard Dunn, the former British heavyweight boxing champion, has been put out of action by an accident at home and cannot meet the French heavyweight champion, Lucien Rodriguez, at ing a film of the fight, t Cesar's Palace, Luton, on said the cut had been ca February 28. Billy Aird deputizes. | a left hook from Zarate.-

Zarate cleared Mexico City, Feb

Menico Caty, reb
World Boxing Council
formally confirmed that
Zarate retained his banua:
title fairly when he stop
Filipino challenger, F.
Cabanela, here on Saturda:
There had been controver
whether Zarate's first or whether Zagate's fist or t caused the eye injury forced the American George Latkz, to stop t in the third round. After

Okker rallies to win tense singles final

Richmond, Virginia, Feb 6.— Tom Okker, of the Netherlands, rallied for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Vitas Gerulaitis, of the United States, here today in the singles final of a \$100,000 tournament.

the singles final of a \$100,000 tournament.

After breaking Gerulaits in the opening game, Okker lost his first two service games and never recovered. There was only one service break in the second set, Okker allowing Gerulaitis only one point in the fourth game to increase his advantage to 3—1. An overhead smash enabled Okker to sware the match at one each. no overnead smash enabled Okker opened the third set by breaking the 22-year-old American to the first game, then opened up a 4-1 gap with another service

break in the fifth game.
Okker held service in to game for 5—1, it appear.
But Gerulaitis, takim from the crowd, held his easily with his minth a broke Okker in the eight to narrow the gap Gerulaitis had a break a 30—40 in the next gap failed to capitalize and Olo a backhand volley past con his first match point the 95-minute struggle doubles, Okker teame Wojtek Fibak, of Poland, the Australians, Ross C Tony Roche, 6—6—6—4 NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Final: S. Mayer (US) beat (Pakistan), 6—2, 6—4

Downhill race called off

after snowfalls St Anton, Feb 7.—The World Cup men's downhill race, which was to have been held here today, was called off because of heavy snowfalls. It has been re-

heavy snowfalls. It has been rescheduled for Laax in Switzer land on February 18.

Announcing the new date and setting, the organizers added that another World Cup downhill, originally scheduled for the United States, may be held in Laax the following day.

The race here had been planned for Saturday, but was postponed until today because the piste was unfit for racing. The organizers decided this morning that it was still impossible to race and called the event off.—

Reuter.

Melted away

Davos, Switzerland, Feb 7.— Rain and warm weather melted the Men's World speedstating championships here at the week-end. They have been switched to Heerenveen, Netherlands, starting next Saturday.—Reuter.

Megève, France, Feb Soviet Union, Czechoslove, Poland have withdrawn f World junior figure championships which ber-tomorrow in protest

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Athletics -

Southampton see attempts on world rece Leading international

many of whom took par Montreal Olympics, are to compete at Southam
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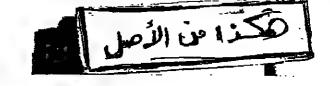
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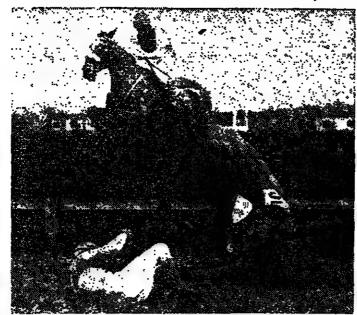
if the going were heavy, has placed them in an awkward situation. Bookmakers say that the stable have stated their intentious and that the backers know the full position. With me, Artifice's and Sea Pigeon's d. Stremain unchanged at 5 th and 8 to 1 respectively. Another has shortened Artifice's price to 4 to 1, and pushed Sea Pigeon out to 10 to 1. A third takes a different view. While retaining Artifice at 5 to 1, he offers Sea Pigeon at the same price with the proviso of a run.

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Easterby told me yesterday that if Pat Muldoon's seven-year-old has to miss Newbury, he will then be aimed at one of the recognized trials before joining his stable companion, Night Nurse, in a dual essault on the Champion Hurdle itself. The bard-headed Yorkshireman was unimpressed when I told him that no horse has ever won the Schweppes carrying 12st or more. "That's not my fault", said Easterby, "all I know is that Sea Pigeon needs a fast run race and a galloping track."

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Laydoney and Mr D. Evatt fall at the final open ditch in the Clayton Steeplechase.

ham without a preliminary one ", were Easterby's final words
As to the Gold Cop, all the leading bookmakers reported further support for Jim Dreaper's mudlark, Brown Lad, who finished such a gallant second behind Royal Frolic on fast going last March. Brown Lad, who is to have a preliminary race over hurdes at Fairyhouse before trying to defy top weight in the Harold Clarke Handicap at Leopardstown, is now top-quoted at \$ to 1 for the Gold Cup.

At Sedgefield this afternoon, Four Star, so narrowly defeated by a Two Mile Champion Chase

prospect, Spanish Tan, at Wetherby on Saturday, is taken to beat Subway and Suspender in the Horden Handicap Steeplechase. A novice, Navy Blue, who finished fourth to Gay Spartan at Catterick Bridge after winning on the same course on New Year's Day, may be good enough to take the South Shields Handicap on the bottom weight, Welton Lad,

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He is furthermore marvellous company, always with a smile on his lips and a quip at the ready, a man of much charm, who seems totally unspolit by his success. I regard him as a good friend, but that must not spare him from being publicly taken to task for the lowering of standards. He is a man of consequence, a man whose words count. whose words count.

Anyone who has to produce regular columns, and who has set himself such a high standard, must occasionally be expected to prove a breakfast disappointment. His piece on women in sport 29 the time of the sex discrimination debate. I remember, put a blight on the eggs and bacon, but, such is the honesty of the man, he had the grace to agree when I ex-pressed my dismay with his piece when we met on a coach bound

1964, but I would be astomished if it was other than congratulatory, a happy recognition that our hero and heroine, a handsome couple at that, had found love together. No doubt it might have crossed some people's minds that such a pedigree should produce some outstanding offspring, but no one would have hinted at a marriage of athletic convenience, or if they did they would not have said so in public for fear of painful retribution.

The petty jealousy shown to-wards the East Germans in view of their success in sport recently swimmers, accused them of tak-ing drugs. That charge died the death (though I shall be surprised if the East Germans, like every-one else, do not take what ad-vantage they can of chemical sup-north

but occupying a shadowy place somewhere in limbo between the sexes. Then this Kornelia Ender comes along, not only to scoop the Olympic pool, but to look rather attractive in the process.

television sets. Damn it (as Wool-dridge would write), was she not even at that time (and she is still only 19) going out with Matthes? rigorous training schedules in order to achieve what they have achieved, but that, alas, happens everywhere. Competitors in this country talk of running 120 miles a week, swimming many hours a day and skating through the night. day and skaring through the night. It is not a way of life I would want (or, rather, would have wanted) for my children, but if there are others with sufficient ambition to suffer in this way, then good luck to them, whatever their nationality. And if they find companionship for life in the process, I hope nobody will regard them as stallion and mare, put to stud for the purpose of breed-

Rugby Union

Lampkowski A case for Neary's lineout skill reopens transfer path

Lampkowski, a 24-year-old electrician who married last summer, will almost certainly have received a down payment with guarantees of additional sums for the number of club and representative appearances that he makes in the future. He admitted yesterday that he felt that the time was right to capitalize on his skill. He had achieved his ambition by playing Rugby Union for England but had now lost his place.

His mobility, physical hardness, and willingness to break are all attributes which should serve Lampkowski well in Rugby League. This season, too, he has worked hard to improve both the length of his pass and his kicking strength, two facets of his game increasingly criticized before England dropped him.

Lampkowski, whose father came from Poland during the war, scored a try on his first appear ance for England against Australia last year, but after further caps against Wales, Scotland and Ire-land was replaced by Steve Smith against France, and this winter was not chosen for the stials.

Topliss agrees to play

He had an outstanding first international against Scotland, fitting exactly into the tight pattern ordained, and I dare say he will get the vote again if he is fully recovered. None the less, against the French there is a case for retaining the extra speed and lineout capacity of Neary. The Lancashire forward, momentarily losing a footing in the heavy going, may have missed an early tackle in Dublin when Gibson set off on his one dangerous run, but he was often to be found on the loose ball at the bottom of the heap. the selectors will leave well alone. They may feel that England have chopped and changed at half back more than enough for years and years. The merits—or otherwise, according to the point of view—of Cooper as the England standoff half continue to stimulate heated debate. He had another mixed, but in the end significantly effective, game against Ireland. His kicking remained inconsistent, on one occasion alarmingly so, on one occasion alarmingly so, but his linking, acceleration, eye for the break and setting up of planned moves were all but fault-less.

Rugby Correspondent

The decision of the English selectors to defer the choice of their XV to play France at Twickenham on Saturday week gives them time to know more about the fitness of Michael Rafter, who withdrew from the open-side flank position in Dublin in favour of Tony Neary. Rafter has been suffering from bruising on his breastbone and I believe it is not yet certain that he will be able to play for Bristol this weekend.

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and speed against France

Cloud over Mr Sanson's future? By Peter West

France's rejection of Norman Sanson as referre for their game against England will, not surprisingly, be taken up officially by the Scottish Rugby Union at the first opportunity. They will doubtless have the support of the RFU, whose president, Dickle Jeeps, has allowed himself just the tactful comment, "We are disappointed at this move by the French".

England put Mr Sanson's meme forward as a gesture of their confidence in him following the unfortunate public criticism he received—from officials of both unions—for his handling of the Wales-Ireland game, in the course of which he sent Wheel and Duggan off the field. The country staging an international nominates

the referee and, if he is unacceptable to the visiting side, the job automatically goes to a representative of the only country not engaged in a match on that day. Mr. Jeffrey Kelleher, of Wales, has now been appointed to handle the England-France game.

Mr. Albert Ferrasse, the French president—one has to assume that he has been accurately reported—made the outrageous insinuation that because Mr. Senson lives near London "he might not be invar-London "he might not be impar-fial". Mr Ferrasse has also said said that the French feel his refereing is too strict and harsh and that when he accompanied them on their tour of South Africa he awarded so many penalties there was hardly any rugby. These are disgraceful things for a top official to say in public about any referee, let alone one

Irish have been muttering that they will not be inviting him again. Now he is persona non grata with France. That may leave him with opportunity only to handle games between England and Wales. It is ironic that a man known for his firm, no-nonsense approach should have been accused after the Wales-Ireland match—the should have been accised areas the Wales-Ireland match—the sendings off apart—of being too lax. He did not, by reliable account, have a happy game in Cardiff. But referees, like players, are human and Mr Sanson, his reputation now assalled for a repriet of conflicting reasons. variety of conflicting reasons, may well feel bitter at the turn of events. He had the dignity yester-day to refrain from making any comment.

pace that England will need against the French, and the hope must be that Cooper's undoubted talents may then flower in one harmonious bloom. A weakness in Hignell's game at international level has been ins line kicking, but in Dublin, in this respect, he had quite his best match to date. That must have been a big encouragement to his forwards. In the English centre it was Corless on this occasion who attracted more of the spotlight, but Kent, upended early on through a magnificent crash tackle by McKibbin, contributed an effective and typically whole-hearted all-round part. He tackled uncompromisingly, tidded up diligently and well, and had the strength and presence to wrest the ball out of the maul that led to the England try. If he ever thinks of giving up the centre or wing position he might make a pretty handy flanker.

Rugby League

Mountjoy's fine triumph

for Sydney club

Sydney, Feb 7.—Devid Topliss, an England Rugby League playor, has agreed to play for the Balmain Club, of Sydney, the secretary, Keith Gittoes, said that another English player, Brian Lockwood, would reinra to Sydney this week with a signed copy of a contract which Topliss had accepted.

Mr Gittoes added that Topliss would come to Australia after completing obligations with his club side, Wakefield, in the cup competition.

Douglas Mountjoy gave a fine display of ball control and potting the professional champion, John Pulman, 4—2 in the first round of the Benson and Hedges £5,200 Masters smooker tournament at the New Theatre, London, yesterday. It was the second time that the Yester old Weishman had defeated Palman since joining the paid ranks, after winning the World ranks, after winning the colours with a signed copy of a contract which Topliss had accepted.

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third frame 61-56, finishing with a run of 25. Pulman secured the pext two frames but Mounties former world champion. Fred Davis, for a place in the semi-Davis, for a place in the semi-finals, in the struggle for the first prize of £2,000. In the first con-nest in the billiards challenge series Alex Higgins beat Dennis Taylor 140—123. The winner of the event will earn the right to meet the World champion, Rex Williams in a £500 winner-take-all match on Priday.

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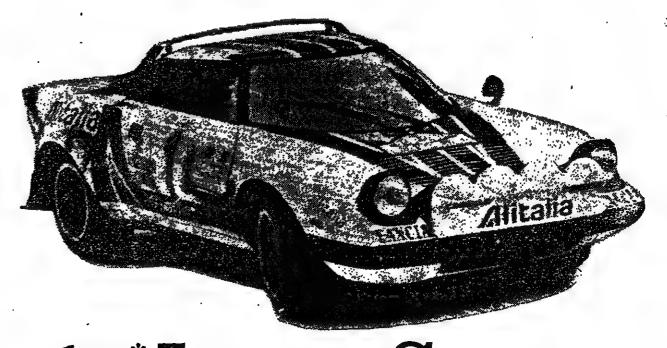
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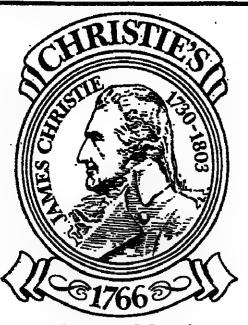
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images is Pornokrates or The Lady with the Pig. A woman of Flemish proportions, naked except for long black gloves, stockings and a sash tied round her middle, leads a pig on a string. Or rather the pig leads her like a guide dog, for the woman is blindfolded.

Women were his subject, depicted in abandoned pos-tures, or making vulgar gestures with their generous but-tocks. They are the object of man's hatred and desire, bathing and lusting, obsessed with guilt and a rage to shock.
Rops replied to a writer who
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artists: "If, as you believe, I artists: "If, as you believe, I have ever made some smutty drawings, it is precisely in hatred of this public of which you speak, and in order to lower my buttocks to the level of ; its face." But it was women's buttocks which Ropa levelled at the public. Men do not appear very often in his prints; although the male phallus does, in numerous guises, stamen, octopus, serpent. It is not so much woman as made lust which is presented as the incarnation of evil, the worm in the bud. But it is worm in the bud. But it is woman who exerts the fatal attraction. Images of sex and death appear again and again, often blasphemous in the form of crucifixion scenes.

In La Civilisation Belge Baudelaire characterized the Bel-gian in a diabolical pun; "He is sometimes syphilised; / He is sometimes syphilised: / He is therefore very civilized." Diabolical, and, in fact, more appropriately applied to the nineteenth-century French. The list of nineteenth-century French writers, artists and musicians who died of syphilis, Baudelaire included, is a long one. The horror of syphilis haunted the nineteenth century; from it arose the association of sex and death, of guilt tion of sex and death, of guilt and evil. Baudelaire transfigured it: Rops did not, or rarely.

Rope knew Baudelaire when the poet was in exile in Brussels from the censorship of Napoleon III's Second Empire. (Rops later moved to Paris.) Baudelaire admired Rops: "How much I like/That very bizarre Mr. Rops/Who may not be a Rome First Prize/But whose talent is as great/As the pyramid of Cheops." An exaggeration, but Rops was undoubtedly exceptionally talented. He designed the irontispiece for Les Epaves, the poems from Les Fleurs du Mal.

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perhaps not unconnected.

Etching was an appropriate medium. The corrosive acid biring into the plate, like harred and disgust, like time and decay. There are many etchings where only full Flemish buttocks and breasts remain on a skeleral form the remain on a skeletal form, the rest of the flesh has been eaten away. It also resembled writing, the nineteenth-century steel pen nib biting into the paper. But even etching, the most graphic of graphic mediums, could not rise to the complexity and alfusion of great writing. Hence Rope may be compared to Baudelaire. But he never comes near equalling him. The exhibition at the Scot-

tish Arts Council gallery in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, is inevitably somewhat bowdle-rized in its selection, and even one of the works listed in the catalogue had been withdrawn before the show reached Scotland (it is an Arts Council of Great Britain touring exhibi-tion). But it does reveal Rops's skilful technique, his black humour and bitter observation. The exhibition continues in Edinburgh until February 27 and will be shown at the City Museum and Art Gallery, Bris-

sex were his two obsessions, pictures, people piss and perhaps not unconnected.

Etching was an appropriate medium. The corrosive acid ing from Reflection and Reality, new work by seven Dutch artists at the Fruit Market Gallery in Edinburgh until February 26, contemporary Dutch artists like Alphons Freymuth and Lucassen have reduced these exteriors and large ledies that strain to large ladies cavoring around in a mess of bad drawing and gaudy paint. The purist idealism of Mon-drian—the other polarity of Dutch art—appears equally bowdlerized and bland in Jan Roeland's minimal abstractions.
The most interesting Dutch artists now seem to be those like Ger van Elk and Jan Dibbets who manipulate photo-graphy. Dibbets is not included presumably because the one-man show I reviewed at Bristol before Christmas was earlier before Christmas was earlier seen in Edinburgh. Pieter Holstein's comic coloured illustrations and the huge grey canvas
Sea by The Painters (Jochem and Rudi)—actually one artist—make one want to see more of their work, but the exhibition as a whole suffers from the homographous relection from the homogeneous selection too typical of exported national exhibitions.

The streets of central Newcastle are blocked with the boarded-off workings for the J-K Huysmans is quoted in the Rops catalogue on Nether-in the past decades. New arts landish painting: "In their centres are springing up all

over, too. Spectro Arts Workshop has moved from Whitley Bsy to new premises in Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, with exhibition areas and open access workshops for photography and screen printing. Down by the Tyne, the Side Gallery, which opened in January, is a huge rambling complex of gallery and workshop plex of gallery and workshop spaces with a 50-seat cinema downstairs. It has grown out of the activities of Amber Associates, a cooperative of film-makers and photographers who have been working for the past seven years in the North East. The gallery will be devoted entirely to photography and is entirely to photography and is showing Documents in the North East, an exemplary exhibition chosen by the gallery director, Ron McCormick, which juxtapeses pictures of the North East today by Graham Smith and the Finnish photographer Sirkka Lissa Konttinen (of old Byker) with photographs taken in the 1890a by a South Shields commercial photographer, Robert Hamilton photographer, Robert Hamilton Carling, and in the thirties by James Henry Cleat of slum housing commissioned by the Public Health Department of South Shields Corporation.
This exhibition continues until
Sunday and will be followed
by Singular Realities, a selection by Gerry Badger of new
work by 12 photographers
working in Britain,

Paul Overy

Spring at Bristol

The spring season at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, will open with Love's Labour's Lost,

which will run from February

16 to Merch 19. The production

is sponsored by National Westminster Bank, which is making

a grant of £3,000 towards the

This will be the third produc

tion of the play by the Bristol Old Vic Company. The first was

in 1951, directed by Hugh

Hunt, with a cast which in-

cluded John Neville as Ferdi-

nand, Paul Eddington as

Dumaine, Prunella Scales as

as an attendent. The second was the Shakespeare Quater-centenary Festival production in 1964, directed by Val May, when Richard Pasco played Berowne, Barbara Leigh-Hunt Rosaline and David Dodimead Ferdinand. The cast also included Russell Hunter, Rowens Cooper and Frank Middlemase.

Cooper and Frank Middlemass. It was this production which toured to 45 cities in 16 countries and did much to

emiance the international repu-tation of the Bristol Old Vic.

In this new production, directed by Richard Courell, Joanna McCallum, recently seen as Rosalind in As You Like It and Katherina in The

Taning of the Shrew at the Young Vic, plays the Princess of France; Robert O'Mahoney,

or France; Robert O'Manoney, whose roles wish the company include Macduff and Ferdinend in The Duchess of Malfi, plays the King of Navarre; Paul Seed, who was with the company in 1975-76 as Bassanio in The Merchant of Venice, McCann in The Birthday Party and Patricia Townel in A files

and Romain Townel in A Flea

in her Ear, plays Berowne; Susan Tracy, last in Bristol as Julie in Old Flames and

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Berio's new concerto in Basle

Paul Sacher and the Basie main business, Berio's new Chamber Orchestra have introduced more than one hundred new works in half a century of zealous pioneering. They include such repertory pieces as odd description for an one of the such repertory pieces as odd description for an one of the such repertory pieces as odd description for an one of the such repertory pieces as odd description for an one of the such repertory pieces as odd description for an od clude such repertory pieces as odd description for an the Stravinsky Concerto for ensemble that runs to most Strings, Bartok's Divertimento, conventional instruments plus Strings, Bartok's Divertimento.

and Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta, Frank
Martin's Petite Symphonie,
that draits and whispers but is Britten's Cantata Academica, and Honegger's Symphony No 4. Very nearly every important twentieth-century composer appears in the list; some found Dr Sacher's hospitality a welcome refuge from oppression; Martinu is buried near by. More recently Henze has been a prolific contribu-tor; Berio shortly has a concert to himself, and he has provided the new work for the orchestra's recent golden jubilee concert.

Basle is not a large city by

European standards. When the orchestra began it was much smaller, and Dr Sacher a mere 20 years old, a young man who thought the new music of his sime was the fair. time was not getting a fair hearing. It was a courageous act of faith which began a dedicated and richly productive service to modern music, and on the night of the jubilee he was welcomed with obvious affection by the audience and a resounding chord from an orchestra of much larger than chamber proportions.

YICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM, S. Kensington, TOHIC TO THE NATION Celebrating the Festival of Bright, Whote, 10-17.50, Suns, 14.30-17.50, Adm. 40p.

Between these came the

was looking for an operatic which suggested libretto at the time of composi-

perfeculy proportioned.

Behind the mixture of Italian and Russian in the subtitle lies the sense of dreaming. Traimerei was quoted in the programme. Berio takes 20 minutes longer than Schumann, and is rarely londer. Yet so fascinating is the terroral parters above which the tural pattern above which the cello sings a lyrical and constantiv renewing line that the attention remains riveted.

Berio seeks to evoke a dream that emerges from silence and assumes abstract

shapes before sinking back into it. The cello is heard alone in the upper register, and gradually plano, muted trumpet and other instruments add fragmentary strands. A pattern evolves, and just one brief brass climax is permitted before the music fades to a point where the cello is left alone once more to complete the arc.

It is a work of much beauty, technical difficulty for the soloist (who has only a few bars of silence) and also for chamber proportions.

The programme naturally the orchestra, whose principals in Basle played with great fleatured two composers with whom he had close associations. There was a lucid account of Stravinsky's Symwhile from Rostropovitch there was playing which, effortlessly fluent, pure-toned and firmly fluent. phony of Psalms and one of was plants, entities of Barrok's Cantara Profana. Shent, pure-toned and firmly which was sufficiently dramatic to remind us that Barrok with a pride of possession was looking for an operatic which suggested he will be a

Kenneth Loveland

Smetana Quartet Queen Elizabeth Hall

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Stanley Sadie

The fact that Czechoslovakia provides fine string quartets to fill half the world's concert halls must say something about the national character. Even more eloquent on that subject is the style particular to those ensembles. There is a touch of the nonchalant, even (no doubt deceptively) the casual about the nonchalant, even (no doubt deceptively) the casual about Czechoslovak quartet playing: it sounds easy and unselfconscious, yet in no way falls short when it comes to passion or to the dark colours that so often characteries. characterize Slavonic music. The Smetana Quartet played The Smetana Quartet played the first half of their programme on Sunday in a rather contained fashion; one could be pardoned for thinking their tone on the small side of average. In their second half they played the E minor quartet of their eponymous composer I was struck first of all poser. I was struck first of all by the naturalness of their rubato: how when one player affectionately others so exactly follow him, others sp exactly follow him, yet all this without the faintest impression of premeditation. There was a great deal of gentle, leisurely rubato. Smetsna slipped into his score a number of directions like dolce or even dolcissimo, but for these players he need scarcely have troubled as they never ceased to be sweet and lyrical: even the fiery first

viola tone, rich and throaty, had almost a hint of rasp in that energetic opening theme. The sumptuous ninth-chords of the polka positively throbbed; and in the finale the ambiguous sense of the music was fully caught, with the vivid recollections of youthful dancing and iolling acquiring in the bleak iollity acquiring in the bleak retrospect of his later tragedies a kind of hectic, nightmarish flavour. But the essential character of this performance lay in the tender, ruminative playing: above all, in the Largo, with its soft A flat major tones and the filigree lines that gently irradiate its textures.

They had started the after-They had started the afternoon with Beethoven, the relaxed A major quartet from Op 18, done with particular care over articulation, over internal balance, over the quality of tone and its applicability to content. They moved easily from a sturdy sound to a translucent, almost shimmering one as the sense of the music one as the sense of the music altered. Not everything was impeccable, but much of the detail was extremely delicate.

At the beginning of Shosta-kovich's third they captured beautifully the light and, urbane manner of diotion and the ironic, quizzical tone, with-our suggesting that this was other than a surface above more turbulent things. Those things duly forced their way things duly forced their way through, in the Scherzo and the dark music of the Adagio; when the wry manner returned the tone was chastened, and the sense conveyed of a new wisdom and a deeper reality, nowhere more than in the soaring phrases of the last bars, so poetically played

LSO/Solti Festival Hall

William Mann

without a harsh moment.

Lyrical playing it was, but not without bite or vitality. The

By now Sir Georg Solti has firmly espoused the cause of Elgar. Four of his six current concerts with the London Philconcerts with the London Philharmonic Orchestra are devoted to composers with whom he feels special affinity: one of them, on Sunday was Elgar. He and the LPO gave us the second symphony which they recorded together not long ago, prefacing it by the violin concerto which they will record later this month with Kyung-Wha Chung, Sunday's soloist.

Sunday's soloist.

Recorded interpretations are no longer regarded as the once aspired to represent: rightly, no doubt, since every performance is liable to levelop, however long already, in the musician's repertory. Yet one may still believe that record companies often rush their artists too hastily into the studio.

Sunday's performance of the symphony as much sur-passed the record as that did he previous Festival Hall performance. Now the first movement is securely paced by Solti, Elgar's many marks of A and R (not Artist and Repertory but accelerando and ritenuto) judged nicely in a

day, maintained its stature and invention to an uncommon degree: the constant shifts of rhythm and pulse were conveyed most clearly and exprestion of Elgar's mind at its most darkly ambivalent), like the brilliantly diverse calculation of orchestral texture in the same movement.

The rhythmic undertow of the first movement now pervades the reading more surely than the reading more surely than before, the development and coda were interpreted superbly, though the exposition sounded craggy, the recapitulation too sophisticated for its animal self-release. The Adagio was nobly done, though the sublime second subject melody was ar first swamped by its, admittedly also noble, countersubject, the tune only audible the second time. The LPO's brass in agile passages, woodwind in solos. passages, woodwind in solos, strings often and again, made one wish that the record had been postponed until now or

Kyung-Wha Chung has been playing Elgar's violin concerto for some while, yet I wonder whether she is ready to record it now. She understands its moments of rapture, and responds naturally to its virtuosity. In this performance she was tempted to hurry, her playing sometimes lacked the richness of colour that one hoped for, more rarely the intensity, but the outer movements did not sustain their proper tension.

Solti accompanied (no, in this highly symphonic music, one must say that he led) with an-cisive vicality and natural broad context.

The finale was always, in cisive vitality and natural Sold's reading, the major tenderness. The active music of achievement, and remains a the first movement's developcogent experience, truly a ment boded well for the record-summation of what went ing; by the time the sessions before. The scherzo too, on Sun-are over, perhaps the rest will are over, perhaps the rest will have lived up to the same level of promise. But should not the public performance follow, not precede, the days of hard work in the recording studio?

Lucia Popp Wigmore Hall

Joan Chissell It is not often that Wigmore Hali on a wet February Sunday is as full of people Sunday is as full of people and enthusiasm as for the Schubert recital given by Lucia Popp with her husband, György Fischer, as pianist, in and of the Stanley Lewis Concerts Society, in programme-building Miss Popp eschewed easy popularity in favour of quite a log of neglected songs, not all of them the greatest Schubert either. Such a house should have left her in no doubt as to Loodon's delight in doubt as to London's delight in her Covent Garden Annchen.

As a lieder singer, she was no supporter of what was once described as the poetic supremacy act. In other words she offered real singing, strong-toned, extremely firm and shapely in contour and direct in expression. Colouring of in-dividual words was not allowed to disrupt the longer flow. Above all else, she never fell back on mere coquettish, kit-tenish charm. As Schubert thawed, so Miss

Popp's voice grew more melting and supple. Three seasonal

ministures (autumn, winter end spring) at the start emerged somewhat impersonal Nor did songs like "Schatzgräbers Begehr" and "Der Alpen-jäger" reveal either Schubert or Miss Popp wholly inside

them.

That little mesterpiece of delicacy "Nachtvioleo" brought the first suggestion of intimate confession and thereafter Miss Popp increasingly allowed her-self the personal nuance within what sail perhaps remained a more classical approach to Schubert than we often hear. In "Geheimes" and "Seligkeit" she could have given freer rein to happiness, and now and again in other smiling songs (not forgetting "Frühlingsglaube") Mr Fischer could perhaps have lightened his touch. But their togetherness was a constant pleasure, not least in the Hugo-Wolflike introspection of "Dass sie hier gewesen", the intensity of "Wonne der Wehmut" and "Schwapengesang" the care-free "Fischerweise" and the ree "rischerweise" and the richly romantic Schlegel "Der Wanderer", where Miss Popp's tone was at its most liquid and lovely. Both artists found ingenious variety within strophic songs, with a fine last verse climax in "An Silvia".

Jaquenetta and Julian Slade Donizetti's Kenilworth

In the course of the Camden St Michael's Church, Highgate. Music Festival (March 19-April Robert Tear and 2) Donizetti's Il Castello di Luxon give one of their pro-Z) Donizetti's Il Castello di grammes of Victorian Songs and Ballads. French operetta is surveyed in a programme La Vie said to be its British premiere at the Collegiate Theatre. Based on Scott's Kenilworth, it is Camden's first contribution to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year celebrations. Janet Price sings the role of Elizabeth I and Yvonne Kenny that of Amy Robsart, wife of Leicester.

Ionathan Miller's Kent Opera at the Collegiate Theatre. Based on Scott's Kenilworth, it is Camden's first contribution to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year celebrations. Janet Price sings the role of Elizabeth I and Yvonne Kenny that of Amy Robsart, wife of Leicester.

Jonathan Miller's Kent Opera production of Monteversity. production of Monteverdi's Orfeo will also be staged in London for the first time. Roger Norrington's edition of the original score uses the authentic Renaissance instrumenta-

tion; it will be performed in Anne Ridler's English version. At the St Pancras Assembly Rooms, Camden Town Hall, Chelsea Opera Group give a concert performance of Verdi's Les Vépres Siciliennes conducted by John Matheson. Elisabeth Schwarzkopf gives

two recitals at the Assembly Rooms when she will discuss the first British performance of and explain each song. Jill the new Darvas edition of The Gomez is heard for the first Resurrection and Ascension of time in London in recital at Jesus Christ by C. P. E. Bach.

Music and Drama, the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music. A music theatre work, The Job, by Stephen Oliver, for 12 singers will have its first performance at The Place.
Contemporary Dance is represented by three new groups: Junction, Extemporary and Sun Sum at the Shaw Theatre. The Jazz Centre Society present a

week of concerts also at the Shaw Theatre. Five concerts of choral musicinclude such works as L'Enfance du Christ by Berlioz, A Child of Our Time by Tippett, and the first British performance of the new Darvas edition of The

recently in Manchester with the Royal Exchange Company as Beatrice in Much Ado about Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from vester-Nothing and Lydia Languish in Some of the notices The Rivals; will play Rosellot. day's later editions.



a Special Report on job satisfaction and the use other incentives in busin

When service satisfies

one of the more extravagant phrases frequently used is "job satisfaction". The devotees of social science although the trend in this have been masterly in complex, bureaucratic age, making much out of kittle, is towards group interand, in any case, the most dependence, whether comacknowledged thinkers and pany, organization, trade users of social science are union or professional assoin the United States, where ciation. Although the group the industrial culture is has become increasingly

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ways of looking at job satis- communicate, the ability to faction. In my view the most deal with change. important by far is the Purposeful w life. It is my experience that in all walks of life those who have found reasonable who have intelligence and blems) have been truly character and a self-aware understood at all levels.

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The second aspect of job short cuts born of experi-ence, the social intercourse There are at least three involved in it, the chance to

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by John Marsh

wives work longer hours and than hitherto. I agree with invariably invigorates. What lock report on the inquiry for more years—which gives those who say that we have ever is done for men or into industrial democracy the more extravagant about.

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I agree with invariably invigorates. What lock report on the inquiry industrial democracy that we have ever is done for men or into industrial democracy about this century in reducing the takes away the stimulus and logue on it will hereid a new emphasis on skill in jobs and necessity of doing for them-look at job satisfaction now the trend in many con-selves; and where men are among other things. I sincerned circles is to try to subjected to over-guidance cerely believe that the par-restore some of the skills and and over-government, the in-ticipative era into which we

> prisingly, respond with a Dunkirk spirit ". I would duals will stand up for their also suggest that job satisfac. ing expectations for in-tion stems a great deal from creased jub satisfaction. the atmosphere of vitality, creativity and enthusiasm generated from the top, in organization, department

OR HOW TO SUCCEED

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With some people there's only one possible incentive.

highly organized process over-government can happen in any large-scale organiza-The third aspect is the tion, including competitive general crisis climate in industry, organizations and duced too many jobs to a line staff for indeed, in the country. When moronic level; paradoxically, ideas on improving their There is, I believe, a grow-ing gap between ideas about management in the so-called tions are increasing-includ-

> Some routine, monotony and boredom are certainly is not only to make work found in almost every job in more interesting, perhaps an organization, occurrence, government minister, or section. In my view, government minister, or leadership in an organization housewife, an executive or does matter, leadership operator. We cannot sill be consistent suc-excited, stimulated, finding does marter, leadersmin backed up by consistent success is a sure recipe for increased productivity and that can be an exhausting profitability to all concerned.
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> There are cycles of interest and lack of interest.

Also I think I must quote samuel. Smiles, from his Self Help published in 1859.
"Heaven helps those who help themselves" is a well-tried maxim, embodying in a small compass the results of human experience. The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual; and exhibited in the lives of many it constitutes the true source of national vigour and strength.

"Help from without is offered, when the individual contribution is important and appreciated."

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> own productivity. Staff, for follow-up recognition to want

more enjoyable, but certainly to give people a greater feeling of belonging. The urgent purists like it or not, is to permit increased productivity. Managers have been find-ing lately that the authoritative styles of instruction and the pressing of organizational buttons do not bring results as they did in the past.

Productive increases. unless the manipulative processes of management give way to the new participative styles. This revolutionary due-Britain is a little late in the day in the EEC con-

Finally, managers and other employees need to think through these changes at this early stage of the participative era; it is a chance for the rules of the economic game to be re-written if British industry is truly to renew itself.

The author is chairman of W. D. Scott, management consultants, and a former director-zeneral British Institute of Manage-



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tion and purchase of the proture of £20m during 1976, it
moved brand at point of sale. represented only 5 per cent
The retail outlet represents of the total turnover in inthe watershed. Up to that centive marketing, but this
point incentive marketing is proportion is growing fast.

concerned with strategic obconcerned with strategic obfectives and awards for years in the country's
economic, social, political
and legislative structure have increase their use of motivarioual techniques at the

Recession, by its very nature, implies a buyer's market. This means that the pressure is on the salesman, with a consequent increase in the use of sales-force mo-

tivation programmes.
Inflation has eroded the incentive appeal of cash awards. As a result, the mandiscourer is continually inalternative sources of motivation for his cognition, loyalty to a team, production, distribution and and family participation are sales teams. This has accelering important motivators—in adated the move towards meridition to the obvious attraction.

against merchandise illustra-ted in catalogues distributed by the organizers. Incentive voucher campuigns are based on a "currency" of vouchers issued to successful participarits, who exchange them for the equivalent value of goods on sale in the shops retailers cooperating in

the programme.

One of the hangovers from the years of affluence in the 1960s has been the national addiction to leisure. This has coincided with the decline in the credibility of the pound. Never has an extra candout of cash seemed a less tempting alternative to a Saturday morning game of golf, or a day in the country with the family.

consultants eall this psychological block the comfort-index. The incentive campaigns which they create are designed to break through this barrier by offering awards which satisfy the aspirations of the participants, and encourage them to make whatever extra

Motivation

which produces however, are quite familiar part of a block payment time to use it, provid

Cash is only one of the Association. psychological motivators Companies are concerned tion of incentive awards Motivation remains which can be harnessed to about the effect of rising appeared to be a possible the smaller of the tythe achievement of marketing prices on the morale and loophole for avoiding re-sious in incentive many the achievement of marketing prices on the morale and loophole for avoiding re-sious in incentive many the objectives.

The compulsive salesman, who accounts for about 5 will extend himself still farther if there is a chance to appear top of a published order of merit, or to receive recognition of his successful performance by his managing director in the presence of his assembled colleagues.

The older salesman, nearing retirement, will be prepared to work on a Saturday morning, if he is made to feel part of a team, and there is the risk of letting down "the young entry" if he fails to make the extra effort. In any other circumstances no cash or merchandise incentive would extricate him from his deeply entrenched comfort-index.

The average participant will improve his performance if his family is included in the benefits derived from the awards (for instance ; holiday) and is able to iden-tify himself with the com petitive pressures and excite ment of the campaign

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these can be redeemed an individual whose name appears regularly at the bot tom of the list detailing sales performance. As many of these motivators as possible should be woven into the fabric of an incentive pro-

> ism has inevitably had a somewhat inhibiting effect sales promotion. though all responsible exe-cutives in the industry welcome a watchdog to safe-guard public interests, much of the criticism aimed at the application of promotional techniques has been based on a superficial knowledge of their implications, and has caused more general confusion than demonstrable bene-

fit to the consumer. Fear of involvement in this type of controversy has induced some manufacturers to confine their promotional efforts to the earlier stages of the marketing operation, where their activities, how ever innocent, are less exposed to public scrutiny.
This backward movement

efforts are required to of promotional emphasis has achieve carefully calculated and specified objectives.

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award schemes, these have mostly been abolished. A more recent problem is the possibility of infringing the pay code by using mer-chandise as a substitute for there is no case law on the subject the general view is that where a company has used incentive programmes before the pay restraint agreement was drawn up a continuation would not be considered a breach.

Often the question does not arise if the added value where, for example, a num-ber of employees compete for the same item of mer-chandise through a raffle. Nevertheless the possibility of pay restraint infringement deters many new entrants and is taken responsibly both by the promoting companies and their clients.

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porated to give an added boost. In this case only employees with four months of complete attendance were able to participate but the programmes are changed every two or three months. Each of the programmes is promoted by a special "games" card to add an ele-

The scheme has been applied to approximately 1,750 of the factory's staff. of whom the majority 1,000 are engaged in light are engaged in light assembly work on toys and models and the remainder are mostly engineers. Hornby says it has found it effective both in cost terms and in operational

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Objective: accident reduction Conoco

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In the first full year of operation, 1975, Conoco won the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' silver award for occupational ment of fun and liveliness and stimulate competitivesafety and last year was one of only four companies to win the gold award.

Conoco has devised the points system itself, different types of accidents being more prone to the differing en-vironments (rigs, refineries, filling stations and offices) but has ensured that all employees have an equal chance to profic from their increased

safety awareness. Mr Bodycombe says it is difficult to measure the exact ism dropped from 11 per return to the company, point-cent to 8 per cent. Important ing our that is is difficult to as far as the long term suc-cess of the scheme is con-accidents have been avoided cerned, the improvement or where spillages would was maintained during the have occurred if the scheme second year and Hornby is were not in operation. However, there are tangible re-turns for Conoco such as less loss of man hours and lower insurance rates.

The whole scheme, he says, is designed to support the company's disciplined We are not just preaching

Objective: increased sales

Performance Awards Taylor Woodrow

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double his output overnight as the result of an employee's idea is promoting the scheme for the wrong reason.

Taylor Woodrow runs the scheme throughout its worldwide operations. It is pub-licized in the company magazine, in newsletters and by poster. The ideas thrown up are usually dealt with by the suggestions officer at The new element in this scheme was the theme. This was chosen to give mystery and excitement in the James Bond thriller sense and given an appropriate title, MIF Mission (from Machines in Field). It was backed by level of reward for the emperencing and carefully proextensive and carefully produced publicity material emphasizing the espionage A re

A really productive idea might be worth £50, one leading to a small improve-ment £5 or £10. Although Each formight, the eight ment £5 or £10. Although employees who led the there are broad guidelines current achievement league the level of reward is left table were awarded trips to to the local company. However, it was a left to the local company. Berlin, Stockholm, Nice and ever, twice a year, in June Vienna with the theme and November, there is a carried through to the form competition to decide the carried through to the form competition to decide the of transport, an HS125 exeof transport, an HS125 executive jet. Still in line with the group. Top prize is the theme, the 25 overall usually a Mediterranean holiwinners (who were not in day for two, second a portevery case the interim able television, with cameras winners) were offered a trip or Christmas hampers for to Istanbul. Prizes of merthird-prize winners, dependchandise were also available. Rank's view is that the of a design modification to a programme " more than met pump, while second place the objectives set for it". It was taken by a plant superactivities by putting people the objectives set for it". It was taken by a plant super-in the right frame of mind. believes it not only sharp-visor in Oman who suggested ened the salesmen's overall modifications to a cable-lay

> their attention on the re-It is almost impossible to quired areas. It also acted measure the cost of the a general boost to morale, scheme to the group, especially because the local com-P.T. pany will usually make pay ment direct to the employee and no central cost record is kept of these awards. The benefits are also difficult to measure. The main value is the involvement of the workforce and in managers and

Few join in the battle

One of the surprising fea-tures of the motivation sec-tor has been the small num-ber of companies which have

dominated it.

During the first half of the 1960s, there were only two companies in Britain diary of the market leader at that time in the United States, and Riverdale Incentives, part of the Riverdale Group, which pioneered the concept of comprehensive service in incentive market

there were two new entries to the motivation erea: In-centive Awards, a subsidcentive Awards, a subsidiary of Sperry & Hutchinson, the American trading stamp giant, and Performance Awards, an associate company of Green Shield Trading Stamp Company, which dominated the British trading stamp market. tamp market.

During the past five years Bonuspian has done much to develop the incentive vouch-er sector. Maritz, at present the largest merchandise cata-logue and travel incentive company in the United States, has set up an English subsidiary.

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The classic example is the company car. To give an employee a rise which would permit him to meet—out of taxed income—the expense of acquiring and running a £4,000 car would require probably three times as much as it would for the company to buy the car and give it to the employee as a perquisite. The employee as a perquisite. The employee would not only have the car but a lower marginal rate of tax into the bargain.

The official attitude to fringe benefits has increasingly hardened and culmina-ted in the 1976 Finance Act which managed to create a taxable situation out of almeans that the interest in an alternative system of rehas never

parts: the treatment of lower-paid workers and the lower-paid workers and the treatment of higher-paid workers who are, in this context, officially those who earn £5,000 or more including their taxable benefits. Until 1975 this threshold was £2,000, the level fixed in 1948. In the upper bracket all benefits, with one or two specific exemptions, are deemed to be taxable. For sonal use and the milage those earning less than factor. The size and age of £5,000 the rule is that only the car will determine the those benefits which are convertible into cash are tax.

ject of debate ever since the concept was introduced

As tax rates have risen ever which it is not, despite the higher a sub-branch of fact that officially its mone higher a sub-branch of fact that officially its moneaccountancy and tax-planning has prospered both "regular review", should
among companies and professional advisers. Its object: how to reward employees in the most tax-efficient way. This does mean,
obviously, the lowest cost to Medical insurance schemes
for lower-paid workers befor lower-paid workers be-came a taxable benefit two years ago.

For the higher paid the convertible into cash rul does not apply. On an indivi-dual basis all benefits are taxable with the sole excep-tion being concerned with residence. Where a cheap arranged (a common feature of bank, building society and insurance employment) that will not qualify as taxable benefit unless it exceeds £25,000. Again individuals whose job necessitates them living in (such as a school housemaster) will not find that benefit taxed. This company directors.

Last year's Finance Act which managed to create a clamped down heavily on a most every conceivable benefit, with enough leeway also to carch the as yet inconceivable benefit. On the other hand the combination of steeply progressive tax rates and a severe pay freeze means that the interest in an alternative system of re
Last year's Finance Act clamped down heavily on the manuel from employers to employees, a hitherto valuable perquisite. From April 1978 all those employees will be taxed on the difference between the "official" interest (m be fixed by the covernment) and the interest they actually do pay. been terest they actually do pay if at all. The only small The tax approach to fringe to permit employers to make the treatment of ower-paid workers and the reatment of higher-paid workers who are, in this con-

those the rule is that only the call those benefits which are convertible into cash are taxing the hands of the employee. Where the employee the definition of what is does not use his car for work, a higher taxable value will be substituted.

concept was introduced with several forays to the courts to resolve a dispute, Rewards which are not caught in this particular aspect of the tax trap include the use of a car, the payment of telephone bills and at a humbler level perquisites such as free hair medical insurance, still dressing—one cannot exactly makes it worth while, the convert a cut and blow-dry into cash.

But despite all the penalties now loaded against fringe benefits (other than the "social" ones such as pension schemes) their from the fact that the bulk purchasing power of an employer in respect of, say, makes it worth while, the convert a cut and blow-dry into cash. But despite all the pena even when taxable, the bene There is only one conversit or perquisite supplied by tible-into-cash benefit which the company is still worth is immune from the tax man more than its cash equiva—and that is the ubiquitous lent, when taxed, would be.

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Nobody is smiling in Uruguay, the 'torture' chamber of Latin America'

More than three years of milithey will have a real role to tary rule have left Montevideo play in any revived National a sad and lifeless city, its Congress is yet to be revealed, gloom underlined rather than Dr Mendez has to provide the dispelled by the nightly government television jingle: "When the children smile. Ucuguay is a happy nation." Smiles are rare in a country which American Senator Frank Church recently called "the biggest torture chamber in Latin America."

The recent replacement the civilian President heralds many more years of Draconian rule while his successor sets up a quasi-democratic "new order" under the military. Sr Juan Maria Bordaberry

departed last July five years after he was elected President and three years after he dismantled Uruguayan democracy to rule by presidential decree and military muscle. Few welcomed Dr Aparicio Mendez, the septuagenarian, rightwing law-yer coopted by the military in September as Uruguay's first non-elected President this cen-

In a country once called the "Switzerland of Latin America" the new President is setting out to establish a "purified" democracy without left-wing parties or professional politicians. In consultation with Uruguay's top 20 military officers, with whom he confers each week, Dr Mendez is simultaneously sharpen-ing up repressive legislation. His political programme offers little encouragement to the fewer than 2,700,000 Uruguayans who remain in the country. The traditional "blanco" (white) and "colo-rado" (red) parties are to be "purged and regulated" and then resurrected as channels for accepted opinions. Whether answers in a new constitution to be put to a referendum in 1981.

Uruguayans will then elect a new President for the first rime in 10 years a joint canented by the two parties. In 1986 there will be two candidates, but not until 1991 will more be permitted. "There's no hope", a young "We've got the military for a generation." Many people, in-deed, wonder why the military are staying on so long after wiping out the left-wing Tupamaros guerrillas in 1972, and eliminating all internal opposi-

situation. There's nobody left to hand over to", a young journalist said. And indeed, Dr Mendez has stripped all politi-cians who held elected office or stood for left-wing parties after 1967 of their political rights for 15 years.

This act of political genocide is thought to affect thousands politicians considered responsible for permitting the rise of the guerrillas and political and administrative dis-order before 1973.

Equally draconian is a "state of danger" law drafted by Dr Mendez providing 10 years' jail or exile for anyone considered a judge to have dangerous political inclinations, without having committed an offence, The government has also assumed sole responsibility for protecting human rights, making clear that only under the most restricted circumstances, if at all, will it accept inter-



Central Montevideo: People are afraid to talk in the streets in case the security forces have planted bugs.

national complaints or investighthe government's success since gations.

The obsession with security and political repression is similarly reflected in the economy: with about 50 per cent of the last published budget apparently dedicated to

or economic reasons, of more than 400,000 people out of a 1973 population of 3,000,000. Any Montevideo taxi driver the security apparatus.
This financial burden has undoubtedly helped to prolong economic recession and offset

who return ask why nobody smiles any more. Indeed, it has escaped few Uruguayans, except perhaps Conversation, where they used the military, that their once electronic devices to record a lively little democracy is now a dictatorship just as repressed street", I was told. as the communist countries the military revile. Since 1973 at Uruguzyans. One comment least 5,000 people, about one in was: "There is very strong every 500 Uruguzyans, have harred now. What no one can been jailed for political reasons—the highest proportion in

any country in the world. Amnesty International cites 22 cases of fatal torture, but I was told there have been others which families have feared to denounce. A newspaper editor said tortures in-cluded burning with hot irons and cigarettes, electric shocks. beating of the genitals, curs, and even castration. For much of 1976 his newspaper received about eight complaints a month of disappearances or

Another journalist felt physically sick touring a "model prison for exgueriflas. The visit, he added, was televised: "People were shocked when they saw how the inmares were

treated like animals, in grey uniforms with shaven heads." Prisoners serving up to 30 years were allowed one hour monthly to see their children and one hour for the rest of their families. Raul Sendic, the Tupamaros leader, is said to have been held for a nime at the bottom of a disused well.

According to Senator Church, "Even Chile has been surpassed by Uruguay in the 1973 in restoring monetary sta-bility, reducing inflation and ployment has only been avoided by the departure, for political ferocity of its repression". However, I was told that last year's United States ban on military aid to Uruguay has brought signs of relaxation.
But the all-powerful security will tell you he wishes he had forces remain apparently able joined the exodus, and how to bug any conversation at

will. "We are airaid to talk in the streets. Uruguay is like that American film The conversation in a crowded

repression threat to state security to justify this repression. No attacks, no bombs, no guerrilla groups since 1973. There is nothing like the war in Argentina".

The press, too, remains controlled, occasionally through prior censorship, but usually through government directives. backed by veiled threats of closure or investigation of journa-

Allusions to dictatorship and unfavourable political comment are naturally banned, but so are comments or reports on virtually every topic of interest to the country: military promotions, price rises, health emdemics, agricultural and labour problems, falling prices for meat exports, and foot and mouth outbreaks

An editor I asked about the future said his only hope was foreign pressure: if foreign credits were cut off, as the United States out off military aid last October, the Government might be forced to seek a real political solution.

"We are afraid of speaking in the streets, they are afraid of what can happen when are not in power. They have no international support and no support from any sector in-side the country, political, economic, agricultural, the banks, or the church ", he said.

Andrew Tarnowski

Bernard Levin

P-p-pick up a Penguin Classic

Rehours, though that is not the the flood of debased point of this column. All the cal and fun-revolution same, what an amazing book bish that has also pour it is; I still cannot quite see the Penguin presses i why Dorian Gray was instantly damned by it when Lord Henry Worton lent it to him, but I can see why he should have been fascinated by it. It is an almost unique work of art. in which entire chapters, like the one in which des Esseintes reriews the Latin books in his library, and the even more astounding one in which he fills his house with exotic flowers. are nothing but digressions, gigantic caesuras placed with perfect artistry to achieve a lawless balance. It also inludes set-pieces that take the breath away with the wit and imagination they display, like the hero's black dinner:

The diming room, draped in black, opened out on to a garden metamorphosed for the occasion, the paths being strewn with charcoal, the ornamental pond edged with black basalt and filled with ink. . . The dinner itself was served on a black cloth. . . While a hidden orchestra played funeral marches, the guests were waited on by maked pagrasses. on by naked negresses. . . During off black-bordered plates Dimng off black-bordered plates, the company had enjoyed turde-soup, Russian rye bread, ripe olives from Turkey, caviare, mullet botargo, black puddings from Frankfurt, game served in sauces the colour of liquorice and boot-polise, truffle jellies, chocolate creams. . and black heart-cherries. From dark-tinted glasses they had drunk the wines of Limagne and Roussilon, of Tenedos, Valdepenas, and Oporto. And after coffee and walnut cordial, they had rounded off the evening

with kvass, porter and stout. On the invitations, which were similar to those sent out before more solemn obsequies, this dinner was described as a funeral banquet in memory of the host's virility, lately only temporarily deceased.

But that, as I say, is not the point. Nor, strictly speaking, is Robert Baldick's excellent translation. The point is the imprint under which the English edition I read appeared: Penguin Classics. This remarkable series is almost exactly 30 years old, and more than 300 years old, and more than 300 years of things; in the nature of things. long; in the nature of things, at any rate unless Penguins are going to alter the character of the series, it must be moving nowards its end, because there simply cannot be very many more works to be translated into English which are truly of international fame and appeal. Indeed, some of the more recent volumes sug-gest that the ladle is scraping the bottom; Birds Through a Ceiling of Alabaster is not a work that really has to be in the library of any civilized man, and that goes for The Book of Dede Rorkut, Galdos's

Fortunata and Jacinta, Hrain-kel's Saga and Six Yuan Plays. But even if there are not many more volumes to come (and I of the series—there is no Heine, no Hebbel, no Schiller, no Jean Paul, no Goethe other than an inadequate Faust), the Penguin Classics have surely

been one of the most important and valuable imprints British publishing has ever had the right to be proud of.

It began, in January, 1946, with *The Odyssey*, granslated by the first editor of the series, the late E. V. Rieu. The start was cautious; the second volume (of Maupassant short stories) was not published until November that year, and there were only two volumes in 1947, one in 1948 and three in 1949. Rieu's Iliad followed in April, 1950, and by then Penguins, nor to mention the grateful readers, must have realized that gold had been struck. Since then, it has been

mined in magnificent profu-sion. The series, in the way it has made the world's literature available to millions cut off from the originals by their lack of any language other chan English, reminds us of the origin of this great house in Allen Lane's determination to bring books within reach of millions similarly cut off from the riches of their own literature by lack of means. (The reminder is all

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Some of the ta best of modern en received of the Song is superbly so; Rex Anabasis has been a friend to me for quarter of a century.

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Will a devolution referendum really settle anything?

referendum may briefly buy the Government peace in the House of Commons, but it is likely to unsettle ir thereafter.

The Government is proposing to put a single yes-no ques-tion to the voters of Scotland and Weles: Do you agree that the provisions of the Scotland and Wales Act 1977 should be into effect? Interpreting the answer is anything but

When opinion polls in Scotland and Wales offer voters more than a simple yes-no alternative, the respondents split four or five ways. No option—from independence through devolution to the status quo—is supported by half the public.

For example, in a System Three survey reported in the Giasgow Herald last week, 38 per cent said they favoured a Scottish assembly as proposed, and 32 per cent were against.

In a Western Mail-Harlech
Telavision poli last December,
40 per cent of Weishmen said they were against devolution and 27 per cent water in favour. In order to secure a majority for its devolution Bill, Labour will need to coovince some Scots and Welsh that even if its Bill is not the greatest good it is at least the least. est good, it is at least the less-

In Wales, the chances of loing so look good, for Labour has usually won half the vote there at parliamentary elec-tions. Labour anticipates Plaid Cymru and Welsh Liberals to tag along behind it by default.

In Scotland, however, Labour has never won half the popular vote in a general elec-tion. Opinion polls and local government election results in-dicate that Labour currently has less that the 36 per cent support it registered in the last general election.

To carry devolution in a Scottish referendum, Labour will need to convince at least balf the Nationalists or half the for its measure. Since the Conservatives have come out against this deal in Westmins-ter, Scottish Tories are likely to

The Government may have to depend upon SNP supporters to give devolution a comfortable majority in a Scottish referendum. A December poli taken by Market and Opinion Research International, which works for Transport House, showed more SNP suppoters in favour of a "yes" vote in the referendum than abour supporters.

If Scots who want independ ence vote for devolution along with Scots who seek devolution and no more, the System Three poli suggests a secure 64 to 36 per cent majority in favour if a referendum were beld today.

All the signs are that the Scottish Nationalists will campaign in favour of a "yes" vote in the devolution referendum. Their argument for doing so—a big step to independence—will profoundly unsettle Labour politicians in Scotland as well as Westmins-

In the referendum campaign Labour MPs in Scotland risk being caught in a crossfire. In addition to claiming to be strongest for union, Conserva-tives will criticize features of the Bill vulnerable to attack. There is no shortage of crit-icisms that can be raised from a non-party or even a pro-devo-lution point of view.

The Scottish National Party can use the referendum to advocate z gradualist position. The creation of an elected assembly and executive in Edinburgh will be endorsed as a good sound basis for a transfer of power ending up with independence.

Many Labour and Conservative MPs fear, rightly or wrongly, that the SNP argu-ment is correct, and are thereagainst the devolution But Labour MPs in Scotland can only express their opposition publicly at the risk of splitting their party when unity is imperative, just before assembly and Westminster.

change as to upset Scottish unionists of all parties, and yet a big enough change to justify large numbers of SNP voters supporting the Government's

A narrow majority for devounsettling, and a comfortable vote for devolution will by itself settling nothing. The interpretation of the result will be decided by the outcome of assembly elections following soon after. soon after.

If Labour wins the assembly elections—as seems likely in Wales but unlikely in Scotland—it will be able to claim that devolution means the rejection of independence. If the SNP wins the Scottish assembly election, which is a real possibility on the present electoral system, the nationa-lists will claim the referendum ment of their views.

If no party wins half the seats in the first Scottish assembly election, the referen-dum result will be a continuing subject for debate, as Labour, Conservative and Nationalist groups jockey to come out ahead.

To forestall confusion about the interpretation of the results, many Labour MPs from Scotland want a second question to be added, asking Scots whether or not they favour independence, This would be expected to produce a clear majority favouring devolution and against inde-

To put a question about independence on the ballot could further unsettle matters. Scottish National MPs would trumpet this as Westminster's recognition that a majority of Scots have the unilateral right to secede from Great Britain. Any vote above 30 per cent in favour of independence would encourage the SNP to intensify its efforts in the hope that a subsequent referendum would produce a majority in favour of independence.

Prof Richard Rose Labour proponents of the The author is Professor Bill will find themselves in the Politics at the University awkward position of arguing Strethclyde.

Parliament, the courts, and the issue of a Bill of Rights

"The signemacy of Parliament is one of the pillars of Lord Demning . . . our Constitution . . . one has only to see, in the great Constitution of the United States of America and of India, the conflicts which arise from time, to time between the judges and the legislature. I hope we shall not have such conflicts in this country." These were the words of Lord

Denning in the House of Lords debate in March 1976, when he opposed Lord Wade's Bill seeking to introduce the Europea Convention on Human Rights into United Kingdom domestic law as a Bill of Rights. Yet only recently the decision of Lord Denning and his fellow Lord Justices in Gouriet v Union of Post Office Workers was to spark off the salvos of such a conflict from worried Labour MPs. The irony might

Silkin, the Attorney General, has been a constant champion the European Convention and has long since recognized the relevance of increasing judicial powers in the field of human rights so as to put cer-tain fundamental freedoms beyond the reach of the vicissitudes of politics.

To that extent Mr Silkin is "judges' man" as well as a notable parliamentarian. remains to be seen whether the decision, with its inbuilt obscurity about what exactly all the Court of Appeal judges actually agreed upon, will serve to obscure or prevent an informed debate on the issue of a Bill of Rights for the United Kingdom. Neither Lord Denning nor

Mr Silidu can, by any stretch of the imagination, be considered seventeenth-century
—Mr Silkin's internacommitment and Lord vidualism would have made them very uncomfortable people in those troubled times. Yet in a sense the argument between them has a distinctly seventeenth-century character for it touches upon the delicacy of the alliance reached between parliamentarians and the common lawyers of that period in

a chance to reexamine the compact between Parliament and the law to establish its

their common struggle against the Stuarts.

The alliance itself has been much more long lasting and far reaching in its consequences than could have been imagined at the time. It has been the major factor in preventing a coherent system of public

our legal system. Professor S. A. de Smith in

The Gouriet decision has not nations. It would be un-

ible mould.

There are a number of other perspectives from which one may view the Gouriet case. At

which has little or no bearing on the attitude of other judges. Such an approach, however tempting is unjust to Lord Denning and should be resisted More pertinent would be to view the case from the point of the lay public.

The difficulty of the latter approach, however, is that there is no single public view. On the one hand there is the wide-spread feeling that the law of the land should surely always be enforced without fear or favour and with disregard for political considerations. That view is an important as well as a worthy one even if it is not exactly sustained by prece-dent or the difficulties of prac-

tical experience.
On the other hand there are who with a measure of justification regard the decision as another instance of the as another instance of the can suggest a few to semedy courts long established record the shocking neglect of Gerof antagonism towards trade man literature from the start.

Both views are important because they express not only attitudes of the public about the law but also the public's expectation about the legal process. While it would be wrong to

exaggerate the significance of Lord Denning's stand in terms of possible damage to the compact between Parliament and the courts, he has clearly afforded a valuable opportunity to reexamine that compact critically in order to establish its relevance today. In turn, this opportunity coincides most fortunately with the present im-portant constitutional debate about devolution for Scotland and Wales in which consideration must be given to the proper role of the Westminster Parliament and the national courts in preserving national unity and ensuring a uniform basis of citizens' rights.

Lord Denning has certainly not served any final ultimatum on Parliament. In an unexpected way he has opened up important issues. It would be wrong to look upon that as unlocking a legal or national

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As the hearings into torture allegations against Britain gor under way in Strasbourg yes-terday, some wry comfort for terday, some wry comfort for the highpowered British legal team arose from the near failure of their Irish counterparts to make the journey. Their troubles began at Dublin Airport on Sunday when the Irish Attorney-General Declan

Costello, and four colleagues were ushered out of the VIP

lounge straight on to what they believed was the 2.30 Aer

From there they were due to night. connect straight to Strasbourg. But it was only when the cap silkin were already installed tain spoke over the intercom and working on their briefs, that the five discovered that due to what one described later

Hasty consultation and considerable recrimination ensued, but by the time the air had cleared it was discovered that their original Paris flight had already left. Costello and party returned to the full London plane, and five passengers were persuaded reluctantly to abandon their seats to make room. (So what about their

human rights?) Further complications ensued when the Irish did finally arrive in Paris, clutching large bundles of documents. They arrived at Charles de Gaulle Airport and

The Times Diary

A sorry series of Irish mishaps

their baggage from Dublin was qualified teacher. Since he besitting in le Bourget. Further hasty negotiations were needed before it was recovered, allowing them to arrive in Strasbourg Lingus flight to Cork and Paris. on the last plane on Sunday The British team led by Sam

having arrived comfortably the day previously by train from as a "human error", they were sitting on the Aer Lingus plane teams stay in different hotels, to London. Hardly the right some 10 minutes walk apart. During the four years that the acrimonious proceedings have dragged on, they have stuck to an unwritten agreement never to meet socially outside the Council of Europe building on the outskirts of the city.

Counterflow

Alan Hamilton, having talked to land to bask in the literary tax William Trevor was born in

four authors who moved to Irehaven, now interviews one who County Cork, but he came to England in the early 1950s when

came a full-time writer in the mid-sixties, he has lived in a small East Devon village near Honiton, and has no immediate plans to move. He calculates here would be only a minimal financial advantage in returning to Ireland. He did plan to return to live

in 1969, but changed his mind as soon as the troubles in Ulster began in earnest. "I intended to go and live in County Leitrim, three miles from the border. I admire the education system in Northern Ireland; it is very similar to the Scottish system, and I was going to send my children to school in the North. But it would have been an intensely foolish thing to do, considering what has happened since."

Trevor's two children, aged 13 and 16, are being educated in Devon. When both are finished school he might think again about moving, perhaps to his home county of Cork, well away from any trouble spots, but he is not sure.

were due to fly out from Orly there was little or no work in "Even if you live in Ireland, Sud when they discovered that his native country, even for a you are almost certainly going "Even if you live in Ireland,

to be published in London. It is particularly important for me; I write a lot for television and have to travel up for rehearsals." Another considera-tion is the higher cost of living in the Irish Republic and the comparative lack of social ser-"Unless one is going to be

suddenly very rich in one par-ticular year, the balance does not come down very heavily in favour of living in Ireland. And with a good accountant, one can work wonders with the British tax laws." He pointed out that writers in Britain could normally spread the earnings from one book over three consecutive tax years, thus softening the blow.

Trevor, whose latest book, The Children of Dymmouth, won him the Whitbread Award in December, thinks the tax concession for artists in Ireland is an excellent law. "It is all right if you are a Forsyth, but for most writers the financial advantage is not nearly as enormous as some people think, once one has weighed every-thing up". He, for one, seems able to live with Denis Healey. Next: Conclusions

Animal liberation is making great strides in Peebles, where a reader reports seeing a notice outside a betting shop which read: "Dogs only."

relevance today

his leading work on judicial review of administrative action integrated coherence we have an asymmetrical hotchpot, an asymmetrical developed pragmatically by and judicial decisions in particular context, blending fitfully with private law and magisterial law, alternatively blurred and jagged in its outlines, still partly secreted in the interstices of medieval forms of action."

aided symmetry but has high-lighted how dense and intract-able judicial review has become. It reveals too that there is a substantial argument in favour of developing a modern comprehensive code of public law in this country which might compare with France's droit administratif and the public law of other Eurorealistic, however, to expect that such a code can be estab-lished quickly, and it would be unwise to frame it in an inflex-

the most facetious level one might simply explain it away as a further example of the

What is going on at Country Life? A fashion article in a recent issue declares: "Few people will criticize you for

wearing a safari jacket instead of a dark suit to the office, nor will you be considered odd if you turn up for dinner in a

thinks there is a lunchtime mar-

ket for thet kind of thing, I

reasoned, then the wealthy, under-employed man-about-

town might not be oltogether extinct in the welfare state, as

some would have us believe.

After lunch

The author is a member of the Standing Advisory Commission unabashedly my presumption about the nature of the estab-lishment adding that it catered mainly for London businessmen rather than out-of-town visitors. Then he said that they were

time hostesses, to complement the bare-breasted barmaids and short skirt instead of a lorg one, even if you happen to be the odd man out." scantily-clothed waitresses, to see if there was a real demand. It will be an experiment worth watching. For if there still exist in London not only overpaid executives, but overpaid executives who can take the afternoon off, then Denis

thinking of introducing lunch

One of those Mayfair "gentle-men's clubs" which advertise so provocatively on the back Healey has not made the pips squeak nearly loud enough. page of this gentlemanly newspaper invited me round yester-day to celebrate its expansion into the functione trade. Though for members only in the Clanger

The Merinaid Theatre has had to give back its bell. But the one which hung in the foyer at evenings, it is now open to all as a wine bar at noon, and, Puddle Dock to warn patrons according to the letter, offers a of an impending performance "relaxed and entertaining luncheon". was only a cheap bronze austerity model, and in its place they I had assumed, like most people who read the advertisewith a pleasantly sonorous clang. The bell-changing cerements, that the club is primmony yesterday was attended by arily designed to bring together chienes with money to burn and hostesses with time to spend ridding them of it. If the club Sir Bernard Miles and the Lord Mayor of London,

The old bell came from a ship which was built as the personal yacht of President Nkrumah of Chana, but which was never paid for as the custo-mer lost his job before he could take delivery. It was taken over by the Navy, who christened it there. Michael Brown a joint mana- Mermaid, and gave the bell to As for crops, I have been ging director, first confirmed the theatre. Now it has been getting some smallish (small,

sold to the Malaysians, and they want all the accessories.

Luckily the Navy has had 16 ships of the same name, and they were able to find the bell from an earlier Mermaid to replace it. The new bell baving been installed, the Lord Mayor of London rang it at precisely ten past twelve; 20 minutes early, but then everyone was getting thirsty.

Early sowing Ideally, it would have been

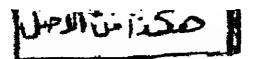
better to wait until the ground was a bit less wet to do the first of my early spring sowing. But we weekend gardeners cannot choose our time.

I had wanted to put my shallots in a week or two earlier but the weather was unsuitable. When I did get them in at the weekend, the ground was less sticky than I had feared,

I also sowed some spinach and broad beans. Some will say it is early for both, but during the mild winter last year I was a fortnight earlier with them. The broad beans I sowed last November have survived the cold, wet weather and are now about two inches high. winter lettuce are soldiering on, too. But I fear that the peas, sown at the same time, been struck down and autumn-sown onions have suffered, though some are still autumn-sown



are most welcome. The are just about over a: eating our way the tops. I have seen no fellow allotment-hol some weeks, though abundant evidence of being. In the cold w all make the most flee before dashing home





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ROMISE THAT MUST BE KEPT

timetable, would not be sorry at rittee—which is the tic one consistent with 1ry Commissions being mplete their work-is upon the first Bill dealing with the nt matters receiving assent by the end of 1977." So said the mmittee on Direct to the European in its third report, ast November. We are he second week of 977, and no Bill has ublished. The House teshed in the toils of and any idea of a Bill lections being rushed the end of this month ly be the purest fan-

risingly, a growing MPs are beginning to eriousness of the Govesolve to honour the en by the Council of the European Com-December, according first direct elections opean Assembly (or, ame by which it calls iament) should be hout the Community date in May or June

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all. Nor, probably, would the Labour whips. Nor, certainly, would Transport House. The Labour Party as such is hostile to direct elections, both on principle and for reasons of party tactics. Direct elections held before the next general election would almost certainly follow the pattern of by-elections and local government elections: a low Labour turn-out and a high swing to the Conservatives. Since the Government refuse to hold them under a proportional system, and since the distorting effect of the single-member constituency "first-past-the-post" system will almost certainly be magnified by the size of the Euro-constituencies, the swing is likely to assume landslide pro-portions. Mr David Steel (admittedly an interested party) has calculated that it could leave the Labour Party with as few as

seven of the eighty-one seats. There is little danger of the Bill once tabled failing to pass, but it is likely to pass with more Conservative than Labour support. The Government can expect a bad time from their own backbenchers, and they are already having a bad enough time over devolution. That is probably the real reason why they have delayed publishing the Bill on direct elections, for its appearance is likely to make the task of obtaining a guillotine on the devolution Bill even more difficult than it already is. Mr Foot would certainly like to get devolution out of the way before broaching the subject of direct

elections at all.

Mr Callaghan and Mr Crosland, however, should have different priorities. They must be well aware of Britain's present weak position within the European Community. Although as Chairman of the Council of Ministers we are supposed to speak for the Community as a whole, there is a whole range of issues on which we are painfully isolated. We refuse to or strives to be the devalue the green pound. We the parliamentary break the rules by subsidizing

the overheads of poor countries, started by the colonial authorities as far back as 1902, and developed by them almost to the point of federation when the

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80 per cent of EAA's revenue

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needs an extensive and expensive

network of local air services to

link its greater rural areas. In

a genuine political federation,

policy might dictate offsetting

one against the other. It was not

possible to do so indefinitely

when so little sympathy remains

between the three territories at

other levels. Kenya is impatient

at the injury to its airborne trade when EAA aircraft are grounded for lack of cash, and

has taken a business decision to

set up on its own. Uganda has

quarrelled with Kenya likewise

because Kenya will not indefi-nitely subsidize all the fuel and

maintenance bills on the Kam-

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The underlying incompati-

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AFRICAN ESTRANGEMENT be first time that presidents, nominally the board of management of the Community, have not conferred since gs still nearer the 1971). Thus an attempt to share dependent on the line than Tanzania is on EAA.

Political differences have widened. Kenya and Tanzania are still civil constitutional regimes; Uganda is part of caesarist and military Africa, where concepts of law, contract and administration are different. Tanzania is impoverished like Uganda, but by nature's niggardliness rather than human wastefulness and folly; in irritating contrast, Kenya enjoys relative affluence. The Tanzanians, from their stance of lofty socialist principle, affect to despise the way the Kenyans truckle to foreign multinationals, western tourists and neo-colonialist money-bags generally. Kenya notes, not inaudibly, that Tan-zania's socialism is an inefficient and often oppressive sham, and that the country is not too proud to live off IMP loans and surcharges on the freight on Zambia's sole lifeline, the Tanzara railway. They note that Tanzania

is suddenly finding tourism less degrading than it first thought. The danger is that these differences will lead to political ganging on Kenya, which is under threat from Somalia, has lost its ally in Ethiopia, and suspects that arms are flowing to General Amin's growing forces through Tanzania. From a business angle Kenya may do well to cut itself free from its partners. But the tragedy is that a naturally interdependent region should become turther balkanized out of spite,

The British Tourist Authority monitors the facts and advertises our wares throughout the world. More people, especially in West-minster, should be aware of the heritage in all its forms should be high on the list of priorities when we turn that elusive corner. Business is business.

The Ecernal City has its Seven Hills, ins Vatican and Colosseum, and Arhens its Acropolis. We have the Bloody Tower (with 2.5m visitors last year paying f1.5m for the privilege of meeting the Yeomen), and an abundance of artistic calent which is the enwy of

Broadway. In 1974 the value of tourism, including the fares paid by foreigners travelling on British carriers, was 10.8 per cent of Britain's invisible exports and 4.2 per cent of our total exports. In the same year the value of tourism was fifth in the list of Britain's visible exports:

Non-electrical machinery Chemicals £1,839m £1,132m Transport equipment Electrical machinery In 1975 the total tourism earn-

ings from hotels, restaurants, shopping, paus fares on British aircraft or ships, rose from £1,076m to £1,439m, which is 13 per cent of Britain's divisible exports and about 5 per cent of our total exports. The estimate for 1976 is exports. The estimate for 1976 is

There were nine million visitors to Britain in 1975, but 1976 broke adi records. The latest figures show an increase of 14 per cent on the second quarter compared with a year ago, and they spent £346m in that period; 43 per cent higher than a year ago because of the exchange rate.

Coering said that whenever he heard the word "culture" he reached for his gun, Whenever the British hear the word "culture" they should reach for their cash register. An increase in the modest subsidies we devote in the national

Yours, etc, HUGH CUDLIPP,

realousy and mismanagement.

Future of the NHS From Dr J. W. Paulley

Sir, This country's disregard for the experience of others was always foolish but for a long time now it has been suicidal. In your leader (January 31) you said "No public service that spends 6 per cept of the Gross National Product, as the NHS does, can ever hope to be free of close governmental over-sight. Most comparable societies such as Norway, Holland and Germany spend a greater percentage of GNP yet manage to insulate their health services from being abused as political playthings and circensial diversions, and do it without our own peculiarly stultifying form of bureaucracy. The Times would perform a valuable service if it were to tell its readers how such countries achieve this, rather than concerning the Royal College of Physicians's recommendation, and now the Liberal Party's as well, to distance the NHS from the cockpit of day to day political controversy. One reason I suspect is that other

countries encourage, rather than dis-courage, individual contributions by a substantial number of their peopl and because provision of health care is looked at from a view point of reality rather than that of an outdated credo. It is considerations such as these that permit a less close governmental oversight" than is at present thought to be indispensable here-Yours faithfully. J. W. PAULLEY. 51 Anglesea Road,

bombers From Lieutenant-Colonel S. G. Styles, GC RAOC (Retd)

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constituencies are willing to accept. We insist on a larger

national fishing zone than other countries consider we are en-titled to. Our whole attitude to

the Common Agricultural Policy is heretical, and moreover we are

unlikely to be enthusiastic about the conclusion reached last week by Herr Schmidt and President

Giscard d'Estaing, that in 1978 the Community should resume

progress towards economic and monetary union, "the compul-sory phase on the way to Euro-

The Government have good

and sufficient reasons for their

position on some of these issues,

but with so many disagreements to smooth over Mr Callaghan and

Mr Crosland will look very un-

gracious hosts indeed, when the

European Council meets in London next June, if they have

to say that owing to the difficul-ties of their parliamentary time-table direct elections cannot after

all be held at the appointed date.

They may have hoped at one

time that the French or the

Danes would be in the same

position. But in both countries

the main constitutional and poli-

tical obstacles have now been

overcome. If the Community is unable to hold direct elections in May or June 1978 it will be

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would surely be able to draw con-

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Styles, GC RAOC (Retd)

Sir, The explosions in London and Northern Ireland last weekend must surely convince us that in spite of great efforts by our police and security forces, often tragically achieved by unflinching sacrifice, the terrorist, anarchist, dissident of ill-disposed person may still strike at will with his bombs. The key component of all improvised detonating bombs is the detonator, over which there is, at present, less than adequate control and we shall remain vulnerable so long as nothing is done about it. There seems to be a disturbing reluctance in the present Government to even admit present Government to even admit that there could be improvements in any part of the law as it stands covering explosives and explosive

However, we can take encouragement from a Bill that is to have its second reading in the House of Lords on February 8. Lord Brookeborough is to set our proposals for a Bill to extend an existing and simple Bill to extend an existing and simple marking scheme to cover all detonators, and, incredible as it must seem, make accounting for detonators mandatory for the first time since the Explosive Substances Act of 1875 was made law. In addition Lord Brookeborough will call for strict penalties for breach of the new law.

strict penalties for treach we can now law.

It is inconceivable that such simple proposals should be opposed and the events of February 8 and subsequent statements in the House of Lords should show us whether we are sufficiently determined to carb the despoilers in our midst. Yours faithfully, S. G. STYLES,

Lady Falkender

From Lord Longford

January 31.

Sir, Surely it is time that the sneering at Lady Falkender came to a stop? There was plenty of fawning on her in her days of power. She might console herself by recalling what W. B. Years (in my not always accurate recollection) said about George Moore, who had compared him in a worn-out unbrella: him to a worn-out umbrella:

"All my memories have become

Some passing dog defiles."

I have never been intimate at No
0, least of all when I took my
eparture from its Harold Wilson's Cabinet. But in my experience, no Prime Minister has ever taken so Prime minister has ever taken so much trouble over correspondence from individuals in distress. Much of the credit for that must go to Lady Falkender and no one can take it away from her. Yours sincerely, LONGFORD, Sidgwick & Jackson Ismited, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, WC1. February 7.

Canterbury and Rome

From Mrs Katharine Husain Sir, in the letters appearing in your columns one looks in vein for the views of an ordinary Catholic regarding the recent joint state-

regarding the recent joint statement on authority.

Catholics have been taught, and believe in, the Petrine texts and other dogmas which stem from these texts. The faith which bestows this belief is a gift from God. This is a hard saying but we do thus believe. If these teachings and dogmas are to be changed Catholics cannot change their beliefs and therefore they will not accept such changes.

The results, if this document is implemented, will be some sort of free for all "religion" which will interpret the Scriptures and morals as it sees fit with the danger that indifferentism will be the order of the day. As far as Catholics are concerned this "religion" would not be the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, as founded by Christ and believed in by Catholics for 2,000

The late Cardinal Reenan once said that you cannot water down the Catholic Faith to accommodate unpelievers or in order to obtain either so called unity or some sort of federation of Christians which might or might not embrace inter-communion. Such a federation would communous such a recaration would be unacceptable to Anglicans and Non-conformists as well as to Catholics, splinter groups would multiply even more than they have done during the past decade and what would be a calamity for the world there could well be a schism in the Catholic Church Catholic Church. Yours faithfully, KATHARINE HUSAIN, 42 Oakhill Court. Wimbledon, SW19.

Index-linked pensions

February 2

From Mr W. L. Kendall Sir, In your issue of February 2, you published a letter from Mr Hargreaves about index-linked public service pensions, in which he suggested that much of the criticism would be stopped if the pensions were increased in line with earnings rather than prices. A fascinating

The National Staff Side, speaking on behalf of Civil Service trade unionists, have always maintained that the proper way to increase pensions is to do so in line with earnings. If this had been done at the time of the last review, the rate of increase would have been 16.8 per cent instead of 13.8 per cent.

this not true that public service pensioners as a whole are getting higher increases than wage earners during the present incomes policy. They are still worse off, particularly as the increases are applied to smaller incomes. The average increase in December last year was £2.40 a week which is less than the current minimum of £2.50 a week allowed for wage earners under the allowed for wage earners under the present stage of incomes policy. Yours faithfully,

W. L. KENDALL Secretary General Civil Service National Whitley Council, Staff Side, 19 Rochester Row, SW1. February 2

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The future of Mentmore Towers

From Mr James Lees-Milne From Mr James Lees-Milne
Sir, What worries me particularly is
the cynical indifference or the
lamentable lack of vision of—is it
the Treasury? the Cabinet?—at
any rate our rulers. The 6th Lord
Rosebery dies. His son and heir the
7th Lord Rosebery is faced with
several million pounds in death
duties. The Government is emnowered to accept for the exclusive powered to accept for the exclusive benefit of the public in lieu of this money a bouse and collection which, in the eyes of discerning people, constitutes one of the glories of Britain's peak of great-

What does it say? That it is sorry, it cannot afford to give to the public in the shape of Mentmore the millions of pounds which it has just taken from the present Lord Rosebery. But supposing the 6th Lord Rosebery had not died, it would not have had these par-ticular millions to fritter on other more urgent needs.

Then there is the Vale of Belvoir,

a most beautiful stretch of still un-spoiled country in the Midlands, an oasis in a desert of industrial wilderness. We do not yet know what the outcome of the monstrous threat to this oasis is to be. But why leave us in a moment's doubt and uncertainty?

and uncertainty?

The Government has the power to forbid this hideous exploitation by a flick of the hand. Why does it not do so? Because it is either blind, or hostile to the traditional beauty of the English landscape, or it connect look hermond its heastly it cannot look beyond its beastly nose. It believes that the Vale of Belvoir is worth defiling for ever for the sake of a commodity, the yield of which will be exhausted in

Every year we are told proudly that another million foreigners have visited these islands. They do nave visited mese manus. They do not come, you may be sure, to enjoy our cooking, our weather, or even to admire our strike-bound nationalized industries. They come to enjoy our rapidly dwindling landscape, and the historic buildings and collections which are the unique contribution this country has to offer to the world.

offer to the world.

For God's sake, can't the Treasury, Cabinet, our rulers, take a long view, and for once pay heed to those people who in matters of aesthetics and art know better them they do?

JAMES LEES-MILNE. Essex House, Badminton, Gloucestershire. February 5.

From Mr George Howard

Sir, The forthcoming dispersal of the historic collections associated with Menunore illustrates only too tragically the threat which hangs over the majority of historic houses and their collections. The impression has been spread abroad that the arrangements for exemption of heritage property under cupital transfer tax legislation would safe-guard such collections and historic houses, but this assumption always nored the association of the majority of such houses with agricultural estates. The rates of duty on this and other property, whether under estate duty or capital transfer tax, reinforced by the crippling sums which accure in interest on these taxes if negotiations are not speedily concluded, are such that capital taxes can only be paid by sales of land or works of art, and it is the latter which are often the first to go.

at Menumore, and the threat to the house itself, have aroused less out-cry than would have been the case in many other houses. This is partly because the house and its collections have never been on pub-lic view but is also due to a lack of awareness of its architectural qualities. Despite an increasing appreciation of Victorian buildings,

The sale of the collections gamered

those in private hands are still not generally accorded the respect and affection given to the great houses of earlier centuries. Menumore with its collections may be little more than a hundred years old, but the totality is just as historic as those which have lasted for two or more centuries.

centuries.

Is it really too late for the Gov Is it really too late for the Government to take rapid action to halt this dispersal? Could the National Land Fund not be used, even at the eleventh hour, for the purposes for which it was intended? To accept the house and its collections in satisfaction of estate duty would accord with the principles of the present Government and would be of great benefit to the public, who would for the first time be able to see the magnificent works of art in the splendid surroundings designed for them. Nor would it have any significant effect on the economic crisis through which we are passing: indeed, there would be a positive benefit to the tourise

ong: indeed, there would be a positive benefit to the tourise industry.

If Mentmore goes, it is a dire signpost to the face which will overtake many other historic houses and their contents.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE HOWARD, Deputy President, Historic Houses Association, 64 St James's Street, SW1. January 27.

From Mr Francis Russell

Sir, It is curious to read that Mr Daniels (Letters, February 2) dismisses the extraordinary collection at Mentmore as a "heterogeneous accumulation of prestigious loot". Presumably his museum is spared the anothers because its het is less

the anothema because its loot is less presigious.

However this may be, the likely outcome of the sale is surely misjudged: the Venetian chairs will go not to Venice but to the United States; the French furniture will find a new home not in the Trianon but on the Persian Gulf; while the Rubens chimneypiece will be ransomed not by Antwerp but for a pension fund. Their unnecessary departure will be followed by the destruction of Paxton's prodigy house, which was built expressly to house its owner's great collections and will without these lose its Yours &.

FRANCIS RUSSELL The Grange, East Hanney, Wantage, Oxfordshire, February 2.

From Mr Simon Houfe Sir, Mr Jeffery Daniels is quite correct (February 2) in thinking that the national significance of a preat nineteenth century collection like Mentmore can be overestimated. While correspondents jump to the defence of the Rothschild treasures, hardly a voice has been raised in protest about the dispersal of the John Evelyn Library. This surely has a much greater national significance? It is the working collection ficance? It is the working collection of a scholar, gardener, architectural amateur and man of science at a crucial period for the formulation of new ideas at the end of the seventeenth century. Evelyn and his friends in the Royal Society shaped our intellectual progress in a way that the Rothschilds palpably did not.

seems, however, that glamou and gloss are the criteria for judging things of national importance today, rather than solid relevance. Presumably Evelyn's Library will be purchased piecemeal by United States institutions with that same impersonal, rapacious style of collecting, characteristic of the Rothschilds in the last century. Yours faithfully, SIMON HOUFE,

confuses two kinds of social system.

and implies that one can be under-

stood only with reference to the other, even though their properties are different. Some kind of repre-

sentative system is of course a most

useful device in industry and can

strengthen management by provid-ing a means whereby authority can be sanctioned but this is not to imply that the processes involved

are identical with political processes.

Moreover even a well developed

Avenue House, Redfordshire February 2.

Workers on the boards

From Mr J. M. M. Hill Sir, In his article reprinted in The Times on Saturday, January 29, Mr Jack Jones says: The right to elect our government is a recognized principle of our democratic system. Is there any reason why such a principle should not be applied to industry also?"

The answer surely is "yes", since industrial organizations and sovereign states are very different social systems. We become mem-bers of our country usually by being born in it and after 18 years attain the right to vote. Our membership of our state is usually life long and procedures for relinquishing citizenship and becoming renaturalized elsewhere are complex. Moreover, it may fairly be asked whether the state has any function beyond the protection and welfare of its citizenship.

Industrial organizations by con-trast are established to carry out work at a profit, which they do by making contracts with their mem-hers in relation to specific tasks. The parties to these contracts enter into them freely and can freely recovered them at any time by siving remounce them at any time by giving notice of their intention to do so within whatever legal constraints are established. The facts of labour are established. The facts of labour turnover demonstrate that the membership of most industrial organizations is highly transient end most statistical transient end most time with it before moving on.

A term like "industrial democracy" confuses the issue since it these labels are like that the membership of the same three aims. Yours faithfully, J. M. HILL, The Tavistock Institut Relations, The Tavistock Centre, Belsize Lane, NW3.

The Banabans

Sir. To us Pacific islanders, reading of the reactions of the British Parliament and press to the judgment given in the Banaban case, the ironies of the situation ere abuost more than we can bear.

The Banabans, by Pacific island standards, are a rich, well off people living in a fertile island conveniently placed near to metropolitan Suva, caping of Fig. They have received mony millions in phosphate dollars. To us they seem a very lucky people. And yet the British talk of giving hem more money.

By comparison, my people in Tuvaln (formerly Ellice Islands),

Moreover even a well developed representative system, useful as it is, may be limited in the type of communication which it can handle and may become preoccupied with issues that can be bargained about such as pay and conditions of work. It is usually unresponsive to deeper psychological or social needs of individuals, even where these could be dealt with within a work organization. It is possible that at least part of the inflationary pressure over recent years comes from the tendency of representative systems tendency of representative systems to translate psychological needs into physical demands.

The need is for work places that

are both more effective at achieving their primary tasks and more humanly responsive to the needs of those who work in them, whether these needs can be easily articulated or not. Invalid political analogies are unlikely to achieve either of

J. M. M. HILL, The Tavistock Institute of Human

four times as numerous, have nothing. We are tiny specks in the middle of the Pacific far from any From Mr Henry F. Naisali where After 70 years of colonial rule we still have no safe way of getting ashore through the reef passages to our islands, no air service, little employment and scant hopes of economic development.

And yet the British government has recently cut its aid ellocation to us. To chose that have, more shall be given, and Britain does not want to know about those who really are in

Yours faithfully, H. F. NAISALL Ministry of Finance, Funafuti, Tuyalo. January 26.

Burial of nuclear

waste

From the Chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Sir, Professor Tumerman completely misrepresents me in his letter

misrepresents me in his letter (February 4).

I thought I had made my views plain in my letter (December 23), in which I said:

"I do not believe the burial of nuclear waste in Russia or anywhere else could have led to an accident remotely resembling that described in the New Scientist article. The probability of there being any nuclear reaction is extremely remote. nuclear reaction is extremely remote and even accepting that remote possibility, the probability that it could have led to the consequences described is even more improbable. There may have been some other accident, but at a time when the public are concerned about the problems of nuclear waste I feel I should make it absolutely clear that in my view the burial of nuclear waste could not lead to the type of accident described."

I would repeat that at no time did I say that there had been no accident in Russia but only that if there had been an accident such as that described by Dr Medvedev it could not have been due to the burial of nuclear waste. I wanted to make that clear water time because of concern in Britain over the disposal of such wastes.

Elsewhere Mr Patterson of Friends of the Earth has challenged my view by referring to a situation which occurred in a waste disposal trench at the Hanford reservation of the United States Atomic Energy

of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. There steps were taken to remove soil contamination with substantial quantities of plutonium because of the remote possibility of a nuclear reaction.

An examination of the published evidence given to the United States Congress's Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in 1972 makes it clear that even in the highly improbable event that a nuclear chain-reaction had occurred the results would have been primarily confined would have been primarily confined to the trench with no effects out-side the site.

This assessment is entirely con-sistent with our own analysis of the situation. I should perhaps add that the practices which led to the situa-tion at Hanford would no longer be permitted there and have never been permitted in this country. Yours faithfully, JOHN HILL, Chairman,

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, 11 Charles II Street, SW1. February 4.

Partition of Cyprus

From the High Commissioner for

Sir. Your Nicosia correspondent Mr Robert Fisk reporting on the first meeting between President Makarios and Mr Denktash on January 27 (The Times, February 3) writes that President Makarios suggested that the Turks might have 28 per cent of the island while Mr Denktash said he would prefer slightly more than 32 per cent, but acknowledged that the figures were not

It is not correct that the President suggested that the Turks might have 28 per cent of the island.

As a matter of fact in less year's proposals of the Cyprus Government to the Turkish side the figure suggested for the area to be adminis-tered by the Turkish Cypriots was 20 per cent. The Turkish com-munity constitutes 18 per cent of the population. Yours faithfully,

C. A. ASHIOTIS. High Commissioner for Cyprus, 93 Perk Street, W1. February 3.

Laying the blame

From Mr William Shapeross Sir, Bernard Levin avers (February 2) that I blame "the Americans" for what has befallen Cambodia. Not so. I argued specifically and, as he says, "at some length" in the article to which he refers that blame should be attached to Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger. "The Americans" and their institutions were strong enough to resist the abuses of power committed by the Nixon-Kissinger White House, The Cambating water to be a second to the company of the Cambating water to the company of the compa bodians were not so fortunate. Yours,

WILLIAM SHAWCROSS, 2842 28th St. NW, Washington DC. Pebruary 3.

Centenary test guests

From the Secretary of the South African Cricket Association Sir, The list of those former England and Australian cricketers who will be guests at the Centenary Test to be played in Melbourne from March 12 has come my way. How interesting it is that the eleven England players all now over 70 years in age who figure in the list make an ideal England team. They are, in batting order:

1 Herbert Sutcliffe Yorkshire 82 2 Andy Sandham 3 Bob Wyatt 4 Frank Woolley Surrey Warwick Kent 5 Les Ames (W-K) 6 Eddie Paynter 7 P. G. H. Fender Kent Lancs Surrey Middlesex 8 G. O. Allen 9 Harold Larwood Norts 10 George Geary 11 Tommy Mitchell Leicester Derby

The average age of this team, which really does fit all needs for every occasion, is 79 years. Australian Test players seem less likely to make old bones. The best side I can draw up from the guests is:
Ponsford, Rigg, Chipperfield,
Pellew, Ryder, Barnett (W-K),
O'Reilly, McCormick, Grimmett,

Although of average age some four years less than their opponents (with a wicket-keeper still but 68) and for all the merace of the Grimmett/O'Reilly combination, most of us would fancy the chances of the team that any one of Fender, Allen or Wyatt might skipper.

Yours faithfully. CHARLES FORTUNE, PO Box 55009, PO Northlands, 2116, Transvaal.

Science report



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 7: The Duke of Edin-burgh, Senior Fellow, this evening House, Broadford, Isle of Skye, and Elisabeth, youngest daughter of Mr Lincoln Downer and of Mrs attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Council of the Fellowship of Engineering at Little

KENSINGTON PALACE February 7: The Duchess of Gionester was present at a Fashion Show at the Goldsmids' Hall in aid of the London Festival Ballet Building Fund. Miss Susanna Cryer was in

YORK MOUSE ebruary 7: The Duchess of Kent. as Patron, this afternoon visited the Yehudi Menuhin School at Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Ven Stanley Pink will be held at St Andrew's, Holborn, on Friday, February 18, at 12,30 pm. An address will be given by the Bishop of Truro.

Birthdays today

in attendance.

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, 74; Lieutedaut-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, 64; Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, 64; Mr Harman Grisewood, 71; Admiral of the Fleet Str Peter Hill-Norton, 62; Rabbi Dr I. Jakobovits, 56; Sir Leomard Lindon, 81; Sir Kenneth Maddocks, 70; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, 69; Lord Rayne, 59; Professor Sir Richard Southern, 65; Sir John Wrigley, 89.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Captain R. R. Squires, Royal
Navy, to be promoted rearadmiral on July 7 and to be Flag
Oficer First Floulia on March 10
in the acting rank of rearadmiral, in succession to ViceAdmiral A. S. Morton.
General Sir Rodney Moore, to be
president of the Legion of
Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth. Mr Robin Scott, aged 56, Con-troller, Development, BBC Tele-vision, to be deputy managing director, BBC Television, from

April 1.
Mr Tim Devilin, Education Correspondent of The Times, to be director of the Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS), in succession to Mr Bonaid Lindsay from June 1.
Mr John Hay to be President of the Council of European Municipalities, British Section, Sir Meredith Whitzker, to be chairman, and Mr Geoffrey Rippon to be vice-chairman.

Luncheon HM Government

Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a luncheon held at Admiralty House yesterday in honour of M André Rossi, Minis-ter for External Trade for France.

Dinner Admiralty Board

Admirally Board
The Admirally Board entertained
Admiral B. Mamuia, Deputy State
Secretary for Defence for the
Yugoslav Navy, at dinner at
Admirally House last night. The
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of
State for Defence for the Royal
Navy, Mr Patrick Duffy, presided,
and those present included;
M. V. Jovapovic, Admiral Str Edward Ashnore. Admiral Sir Edward Ashnore. Admiral Sir David Williams. Vice-Admiral R. P. Clayion, Mr A. P. Hockaday, Mr R. Efils. Mr I. J. M. Sutherland. Major-Conoral R. P. W. Wall, Major-Conoral R. P. W. Wall, Major-Conoral Reproduct. Captin M. Sikic. Cojonei M. Sarian, Wing Commander J. Scott. Leutenant-Commander D. Sersic and the Figg Lioutenant to the Admiralty Board.

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The engagement is announced between Norval, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Reed, of Chiswick, and Stella Suzane, deughter of Mr and Mrs E. G. Walpole-Brown, of Haiford, Warwickshire, Ellison, Mr Norman Frederick, of West Kirby, "Nomad", naturalist, author and broadcaster

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. I. H. Bell

and Miss E. A. Downer

and Miss E. Rodewald

Mr M. F. Cook and Miss J. L. Scott

Mr T. Crooks and Miss S. M. Slator

Mr M. S. Elliot and Miss M. Van Heerden

Dr A. G. Furness and Miss H. L. Mayne

Mr T. J. Gould and Miss P. J. E. Horne

Mr D. J. Harris and Miss E. M. J. Wright

Dr D. McK. Mitchell and Dr E. J. Gaminara

The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between David McKanzle, son of Dr and Mrs J. B. Mitchell, of 2 Albert Road, Bolton, Lancashire, and Elizabeth Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Gaminara, of Stratton House, Over Stratton, South Petherton, Rommers.

The engagement is announced between Mike, elder son of Mr W. H. Cook, of Perranwell, Corn-

wall, and Mrs J. Pryor, of Notting Hill Gate, London, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. L. Scott, of Cambridge.

Sarah, daughter of Lord Polwarth, of Harden, Hawick, and of Caro-line, Lady Polwarth.

The engagement is announced

Mr J. A. H. Macnab and the Hon Sarah Hephurne Scott Whooping cough vaccine: Difficulty of assessing risk The engagement is announced between Hamish, son of Brigadier and Mrs J. F. Macnab, of Malta and 3 Richards Place, SW3, and

A statement which Mr Eunals, Secretary of State for Social Serv-ices, is due to make in the House of Commons today on whooping cough vaccine will not, unfortun-ately, silence its critics; for the serious conflict of opinion about the safety of the vaccine reflects the number of different ways the facts and figures available can be

between Antony, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Bell, of Liveras At the heart of the recent dis-quiet is a group of children who have grown up with severe mental and physical handicaps from brain and physical frandicaps from brain damage arising from an acure filness apparently linked to vaccination in the first or second year of life. Typically, each of those children had seemed normal and quite well until a day or so after the injection, when he or she began to have screening or crying fits followed by convulsions, often associated with fever. Sometimes the convulsions were complicated by long periods in which the child stopped breathing.

No one disputes that convulsive filness of such a kind can sometimes lead to permanent serious Eileen Downer, of Cleveland, Ohio. The engagement is announced between Pani, son of Mr and Mrs S. R. Cant, of Imiscarra, co Cork, Republic of Ireland, and Evelyn, daughter of Dr and Frau H. F. Rodewald, of Valduna, Rankwell,

times lead to permanent serious handicap and that in some cases the cause was a reaction to the vaccine. The difficulty is proving cause and effect in an individual

case and so assessing the extent of the risk.

Every child with, "natural" epilepsy has to have a first fit, and calculations show that in and calculations show that in children in the age range given whooping cough vaccine the chance of an individual child's having its first, unheralded convolsion on any given day is about one in 100,000. At its peak of popularity two million doses of whooping cough vaccine were given each year, 10,000 every

working day, so that some children would have convenience immediately after vaccination simply by chance.

Some children are been with Some children are born with

Some children are born with brain damage or with an inborn tendency to epilepsy. Naturally enough, if such a child has its first attack of convulsions at the time it is given whooping cough vaccine the parents will blame the injection. In any individual case expert assessment may show that the convulsions were probably due to the vaccine, but there is no test that proves the association; so that it is not surprising that different experts' assessments of the frequency of severe reactions vary from one in each million children vaccinated to one in 10,000.

There is a quite separate argument about the protection given by whooping cough vaccine. In contrast to immunization against poliomyelitis or smallpox the protection given is not complete: protection given is not complete: fully vaccinated children can, and do, still catch whooping cough. Early vaccine preparations proved of little value, and it was only after a long series of trials that use of the vaccine was recommended officially in 1957. Even so, when, in 1973, the Public Health Laboratory Service expert committee reviewed British experience its verdict was that the official vaccine used up to 1968 had been "not very effective". Since then vaccines have been improved. There is no doubt that the present vaccine does reduce

child having frequent paroxysms of uncontrollable coughing causing it to go blue in the face; the complications can include pneu-monia and meningitis. Serious cases of such a kind are, however, much less common after the age of 6 months; yet the present official recommendation is that vaccination should not be given mill that age, partly to reduce the risk of severe reactions to the vaccine and partly to obtain the best response.

The theoretical basis for that policy is that infants catch whooping cough from other children, and that if the older children are fully immunized then babies will be unlikely to come into contact with the infection. In other words, the critics say, the vaccine is of most benefit to those who have not yet been given it, while those who run the risk of severe reactions are past the age of maximum risk.

mum risk.

Finally, there is a medico-legal dispute about compensation for vaccine-damaged children.

Much of the gain from vaccination is a community benefit, and, it is argued, that the community should compensate individuals who suffer permanent damage from it. That is not a matter of negligence by the doctor or carelessness by the vaccine manufacturer.

In Denmark, West Germany and other European countries there is automatic state compensation for the victims of vaccine damage, so the victims of vaccine damage, so

borderline cases; and, second, some doctors treating handicapped children believe it would be wrong to create two classes; why should the whole hand the county has been done to be seen to company the county has been done to be seen the child born with brain damage or the child who is damaged by an or me cmid who is damaged by an attack of meningitis be less well provided for by the state than the child with vaccine damage? That is a matter that will be argued when Lord Pearson's commission on personal injury reports, probably later this year.

Paediatricians who treat outbreaks of whooping cough are in little doubt that Immunized children have less severe filness than unprotected ones, a point emphasized last week by Professor Christopher Wood at the Institute of Child Health. Clearly everything possible should be done to reduce the numbers of reactions both by forther insurpressers in both by further improvements in the vaccine used and by identify-ing and excluding those children whose medical background sug-gests that they might have an above-average risk of reacting hadly.

Already, however, there are ominous signs that vaccination rates against all childhood infections are declining, especially in big cities, which have the highest risk of outbreaks of diseases such as poliomyelitis. Our vaccination programme needs to be supported honestly, and with enthusiasm, by every doctor, health visitor and nurse; and for that reason it is vital that the doubts and con-fusions about whooping cough should be resolved as quickly as

By Our Medical Correspondent

Pitlochry plans new festival theatre From Our Correspondent

governors of Pitlochry Theatre yesterday announced plans to build a new theatre, which they hope to open

At a board meeting in Perth. they approved plans prepared by Dr Kenneth Ireland, the festival director, for launching an appeal for £1.5m. Mr James Shaw Grant, the board's chairman, said: "The choice before us is stark and simple; build as quickly as possible or prepare to close. The present theatre is a temporary asbestos shell. After 25 years, the whole structure needs extensive repair, but there is no point in spending money on it because nothing we can do will bring it up to modern standards, especially in regard to fire requirements."

The governors insist that they are not seeking to erect a prestige building, or even a complete the board's chairman, said : " The

building, or even a complete theatre. Plans prepared during the past 10 years have been pared to the minimum to enable the

to the minimum to enable the festival to survive. A site overlooking the Tummel river was bought hast April

The governors hope to carry on in the present building until the end of the 1979 season, and reopen in the new building in the spring of 1980.

Mr Shaw Grant said: "The sum of 21.6m is formidable, but not quite as formidable as it looks. We have a firm commitment from the Scottish Aris Council for £300,000, and a contingent commitment from Perth and Kinross District Council for £200,000, both over a period of £200,000, both over a period of years. Promises of support from other sources, added to these, take us half way towards our target."

Royal Ascot

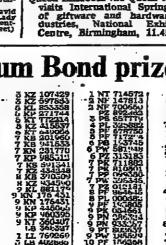
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The Royal Meeting at Ascot will take place on June 14, 15, 16 and 17. Applications for admission to the Royal Ascot Enclosure should be made to her Majesty's Representative, Ascot Office, St James's Palace, London, SW1, before the end of April. Applicants should apply only for members of their family, stating their full names and their ages if they are aged 16 to 25: children under 16 are not admitted except on the Friday, when adults with badges may bring children of 10 to 15 years of age, for whom no prior appli-

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Mr Justice Cobb, a Judge of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division, since 1975, died yesterday at the age of 54. appointed to the Bench Cobb gave to the prepars an important case his uring attention and nothing had priority. At the sair his professional conduct model to any young man Bar.

At the time of his a ment as a Queen's Bench it seemed His death has deprived the High Court Bench of a judge at the outset of his judicial career. The dedication and meticulous care with which his work was done ensured that to the utmost

MR JUSTICE COBB

Judge of the High Court

of his ability whether trying a ment as a Queen's Benci it seemed he was dest make a judge of high In his all too brief time Bench, the accuracy are case alone or summing up to a jury justice would be done. John Francis Scott Cobb was born on December 15, 1922, the son of J. H. Cobb, FRCS, and educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Oxford. After

war service from 1942 to 1946 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1948 and joined the North Eastern Cirsuccessively Recorder of caster, Bradford, Hu finally of his native cit cuit. There his thoroughness and attention to detail soon enabled him to build up a large field. In 1972 he was an Sheffield's first h Recorder, an honour will long remember the attractive and readable set-out of his gave him great person; faction. From 1971 u appointment to the Be He took silk in 1962 and no one doubted the wisdom of such was Leader of the Nor a step. The respite from the heavy burden of his junior pracern Circuit and he dis the duties of that offi the cornes of that offi the same conscientious with all else that he un No problem, whether personal to a member Circuit, or was concern discipline, was neglect months ago he was app tice was short and before many years had passed he was to be seen in all the important cases For the greater part of his time at the Bar his practice was mainly in the Civil Court, but in the last three or four years Presiding Judge of preceding his elevation to the Bench, the Crown required his Circuit.

He was married in Joan Knapton who with their two daught two sons were a strong ...

the prosecution at the trial of Poulson, a demanding task in itself, but was the leader of a G.S.W. writes: The news of his fins shocked and grieved at team whose task it was to consider the mass of papers in the possession of police and to advise on the prosecution of the many friends, the more ing so soon after his ment. Those of us who many others whose names appeared in those papers. privilege of his friends support, when it was will be forever grate, Joan and to his family. Before that work was completed the prosecution of Judith Ward for the M62 murders, immediately followed by a long IRA sympathies of all his fi

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DR CUTHBERT DUKES

Dr Cuthbert Esquire Dukes, OBE, FRCS, FRCPath, who died on February 3, aged 86, was one of the founders of modern clini-cal pathology, in which he achieved international fams. He was born in Bridgwater, Somer-set, the son of a Congregational minister, the Rev E. J. Dukes, and was a brother of the late Sir Paul Dukes, famous for his intelligence work in the First World War, and Ashley Dukes, the playwright. His sister was one of the first woman gradustes of the University of

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practice. His professional clients

on the North Eastern Circuit.

services in a series of long criminal cases. He not only led

personally typed paperwork.

Educated at Caterham School. e was a bank clerk for a short time before going to Edinburgh University where he qualified in medicine in 1914. He served in the RAMC in the First World War, attached to the Rifle Brigade, and was awarded the OBE for his services.

After the war, he became demonstrator in bacteriology at University College, London, and joined the staff of St Mark's Hospital for diseases of the recommendation of the staff of St Mark's Hospital for diseases of the recommendation of the staff of the tum and colon in 1922. It was there that he began his classical studies on the pathology of can-cer of the rectum, and familial form the basis of modern surgical treatment.

But Dukes reached out to an ever-widening field of general parsonality, and his pathology and his appointment sense of humour. At the staff of St Peter's Hossitionalist and racon

pitel, for genito-urinary diseases in 1929, led to publications on the examination and interpretation of urine, 1939, and bacteria in relation to nursing, 1946. His research on cancer of the prostate and bladder still provides the basis for modern classification of these diseases. Absorbed as he was with his enced by his Quaker I bospital work, Dukes found is survived by his wife, time to run a busy private Dukes, and one son.

SIR RICHARD SUMMERS Sir Richard Summers who the demand for steel.

died on February 6 at the age of 74, was one of the leaders output, varying from & of the British steel industry, as chairman, from 1938 to 1971, of the family company of John Summers & Sons Ltd, later the Summers of sons Ltd, later the
Summers Division of the British
Steel Corporation, founded in
the last century by his grandfather. What had begun as a
small factory near the banks
of the Dee became in the producer of time an immense producer of steel, turning out over
a million tons a year during
Summers's leadership, and employing nearly 10,000 workers.
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Richard Felix Summers was trial magazine Safety wrote the introductio

born in 1902, a son of Henry Hall Summers, of Cornist Hall, Flint, and was educated at Shrewsbury and Clare College, Cambridge. Under the inspiration and guidance of his father he joined the company upon coming down, and went through all the processes of steel pro-duction before becoming an executive, and then a director and finally chairman of the concern.

It was largely a consequence of his planning for expansion that, in the early part of 1958, in that era before the future of the Smorton works was called in to question, the company's target of a million tons output was reached, and that it was able to continue at this pace in the face of a contraction in

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1950 and was knighter. In 1925 he married daughter of Mr W.] of Corwen, and they sons.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, Feb 6, 1952

The proposal to bring Temple Bar back to London and re-erect it on a site in the City is to come before the Court of Common Council again tomorrow. As the result of an inquiry which has lasted three and a half years the City lands committee now recommends that the improvements and town planning committee he asked town planning committee be asked to consider whether a site in one of the reconstructed areas can be

authority on its suitab recommendation follows of the Minister of Ho Local Government, who give planning approve scheme for erecting the the Embankment end Temple Lane. The post (... ... is that the committeer in the corporation are prime £10 to bring back the compression of the first to be support the premove the Bar, partitle present time; and the present time; and tim to be opposed to any ren

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Kemsing, Kent. and Miss E. M. J. Wright
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, younger son of Mr
and Mrs M. Harris, of Rogerstone,
Newport, Gwent, and Elizabeth,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
P. R. Wright, of Minster-inThanet, Kent. The marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Maurice, only son of the late Mr and Mrs W. J. Lewington, and Fiona Budgett, of Grange Cottage, Chislehurst, Kent, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Biggart.

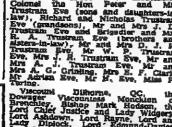
The Prince of Wales, in the uniform of a wing commander, with Air Vice-Marshal W. E. Colahan, Commandant of the RAF College, Cranwell, when he arrived for a refresher flying course yesterday.

Memorial service

Lord Silsoe, QC
The Architishop of Canterbury
promounced the blessing and the
Study higher education a memorial service for Lord Silsoe, QC, which was held at the Temple Church yesterday. The Master of the Temple officiated. assisted by the Bishop of Sodor and Man, and Sir Rouald Harris

and Man, and Sir Ronald Harris (First Church Estates Commissioner) gave an address, Among those present were:

Marysaw Lady Shoos (widow), Lord and Lady Shoos (widow), Lord and Lisubmant-Colonal the Hom Peter and Mrs Trustrain Ewe (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs J. Trustrain Eve and Relactor and Mrs Trustrain Eve and Relactor and Mrs R. A. Trustrain Eve Worthers and alsters-in-law), Mr and Mrs D., R. Rustrain Eve, Mr and Mrs J. R. Trustrain Eve, Mr and Mrs A. J. Trustrain Eve, Mr and Mrs A. J. Trustrain Eve, Mr and Mrs A. G. Grinding, Mrs E. F. Clark, Mr Adriga Eve, Mrs E. F. Clark, Mrs E. F. C







Horners' Company The following have been elected officers of the Horners' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr C. H. F. Fairweather: Urser Warden, Mr E. J. W. Hay: Renter Warden, Mr E. F. Wilson,

Details of a working group set up to consider ways of improving the management of polytechnics and colleges of further education principal, College of John Sir Michael Clark. The members are: Lord Alexander of Potterhill, sec. Ass of Educ Citees: Mr J. V. Barnett, principal, College of Ripon & York St John: Sir Michael Clapham; Dr H. Kay, Vice-Chapcellor, Exeter Univ: Mr P. Knight, sec. Poly of N London; Mr T. G. Marcer, man dir, Thomas Mercer Ltd, Vice-chu, Haiffeld Polytech: Prof W, Taylor, dir, Univ of London lust of Educ; Mr M. G. Venn, Cha., Standing Conice of Reg Advia Cols for Furth Educa. Six Abbies Barnett were announced by the Depart-ment of Education and Science yesterday. The chairman is Mr Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, and the vice-chair-man is Sir Philip Rogers, formerly

Working group set up to

Permanent Secretary at the De-partment of Health and Social Security. Terms of reference are: Security. Terms of reference are:
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and local authority finance, what
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regional and national machinery might be established for these purposes.

Memorial requiem Str Anthony Bevir

A memorial requient for Sir Anthony Bevir was celebrated by-the Rev John Gilling at St Mary's, Bourne Street, yesterday. Canon Donald Nicholson, trustee Society of St Peter and St Paul, gave an address. Among those present

were:
Mr Thanchy Bevir, Miss Ursuia Bevir,
Mr G. D. Bevir. Major-General and
Mrs H. R. Swinburn. Mr and Mrs
R. A. U. Jennings, Mr R. B. P. Jennings, Miss W. Streatfeld.
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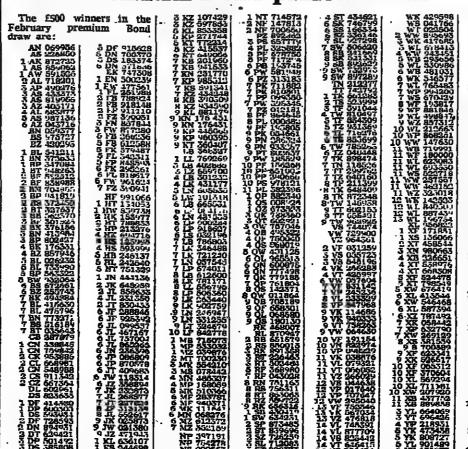
Plymouth Poly.

Today's engagements The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, plants oak to inaugurate tree planting programme in Greater London organized by Silver Jubilee London Celebrations Committee, Victoria Embankment Gardens, 3; dines with New Zealand High: Commissioner and Mrs Carter, New Zealand hones Haymarket, 8,15.

house, Haymarket, 8.15.
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
visits International Spring Fair
of giftware and hardware industries, National Exhibition
Centre, Birmingham, 11.45.

bring children of 10 to 15 years of age, for whom no prior application need be made. New applicants will be sent a form to have signed by a sponsor whose name is already on the Royal Enclosure list. Visitors from overseas should apply to their ambassadors or high commissioners. In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with hats, and gentlemen morning dress or Service dress.

The winner of the 1975 John Whiting Award is Mr David Edgar, for his play Desting, which was first performed at the Royal Shakespeare Company's Other Place, Stratford-on-Avod, last year, the Arts Council announced yesterday. The award is worth £1,000.



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cooperative up to the end of 1978, and subordinate this and existing government invest-ment to all other creditors. Also, the £6m facility granted by the Export Credits Guarantee Department to NVT for Meriden motor cycles is to be transferred to the cooperative.

Mr Varley said that the cooperative had made a promising start on the production side but had not yet been able to demonstrate its ability to create the necessary conditions for long-term viability without further support from public

"The Government believes that this valuable and interesting experiment should be given a fair opportunity to demonstrate this, and the scheme worked out should help to provide that opportunity." tunity

Mr Varley also disclosed that the Industrial Development Advisory Board had con sidered the scheme and had advised that on balance, recognizing the inherent risks, the proposals merited support providing the Government's commitment limited ".

Further detailed discussion of the scheme will take place in the Commons when Mr Varley presents a resolution under Section 8 of the Industry Act, 1972.

The rescue deal has been drawn up after the interven-tion of Mr Lever, Chencellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Prime Minister's economic adviser, who persuaded Sir Arnold Weinstock, managing director of GEC, to provide

Mr Dennis Poore, chairman of NVT, said: "This relief to NVT will enable its staff to concentrate on their own plans in the motor cycle field, details of which will be announced as soon as the sale to the cooperative has been completed."

Mr Jenkins sees worker directors in two years.

on their way to boardrooms not later than January 1, 1979, Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, said yesterday. He expected and hoped to see the law on industrial

democracy on the statute book by about July, 1978, he said at a British Institute of Management conference in London. Mr lenking said: "I would expect to see a triggering of the process to put employees in the boardroom, no later than January 1, 1979.

"I don't think there ought to be any doubt whatsoever that this has got a quality of historic inevitability, and some of those who are now protesting about it, I hope, will not protest too much because the sight of so much because the sight of so many distinguished people eating their words is bound to be unappetizing.

Mr Jenkins, who signed the majority report by the Ballock committee, reminded delegates that the proposal or industrial

that the proposal on industrial democracy was in the Labour Party's manifesto at the last "So, if the first triggering

happens on January 1, 1979, that will have been five years after the manifesto was presented to the British people. That is not very rapid. I think it is probably as fast as we can

He predicted worker directors would come first in high technology industries and banking.

Three major companies had asked for advice and were "clearly going to move ahead of legislation". Mr Jenkins said the companies were major contributors to the Confederation of British Industry and would go on with talks they were already engaged in with their

He added: "In every one of the major collapses we have seen of a substantial British company the employees have learned of it from the news-papers. That simply won't do. That is a situation out for change."



Mr Jenkins did not like the

patronizing tone adopted that worker directors would be unable to keep secrets.

Mr Norman Biggs, chairman Williams and Glyn's Bank, who signed a minority report of members of the Bullock committee, said the oppor-tunity for debate on the report must not be allowed to "peter out in bitter recrimination and

He thought the majority pro-posals were unlikely to be accepted in their present form "other than by ramming them down the throats of employer associations by force of law". Professor K. W. Wedderburn, who signed the majority report, said he believed its proposals would allow a unified system of commandation.

company law. He added, however, that the kind of scheme proposed would take time to implement.

Sir Derek Exra, chairman of the British Institute of Manage-ment, told the conference: "We are totally in favour of increased participation, involve-ment and commitment to industrial success.

"We believe this has got to
be flexible but above all we
are very concerned that management should go fully into

Those concerned with the management of industriel entercommercial and financial-should not feel that they were being in any way by-

passed.

He was concerned that "this great less forward from shop floor to boardroom is not going to leap over the whole inter-mediate area of management, to make them feel they are caught in the middle between the power of the shop floor and the power of the boardroom.

Bankers reach agreement over \$3,000m credit to protect pound

Basie, Feb 7.

Western central bankers to-day agreed details of a \$3,000m (£1,800m) standby credit to protect the pound from the effects of withdrawals of official sterling balances held Informed sources said today's

neeting of central bank governors of the Bank of Inter-national Settlements in Basle successfully sorted out the technical questions left open by last month's general agreement to provide the Bank of England with the standby credit through the BIS.

It also emerged that three smaller European countries will be among the nations backing up the standby,

The sources said that Austria, Denmark and Norway had agreed to provide up to \$30m each if necessary. Last month, Belgium, Canada, West

Finance For Industry, one of

ling medium term funds into industry, is to raise an additional £50m through the issue of a six-year loan stock.

or anxyest to a stock is a stock is not so much so meet the demend for funds — which at the moment, is flat—but to put the financing of loans made during the latest financial year on to

Since the end of the previous financial year—March 31, 1976
FFI has made new advances of about £130m, raising the

total of its "investments and financial facilities extended to

customers" to close on £480m.

Of that £130m, about £70m was lent on a fixed rate basis but at first financed with cari-

able rate, short-term money. It is this less £20m that has been financed by redemption of earlier loans and new term deposits—that FFI is now plan-

a longer-term footing.

Finance For Industry

to raise £50m more

issues were easily overcome.

The bankers were, it seems,

anxious not to be seen dragging their feet on the sterling question for fear of upsetting the revival of confidence in the pound on foreign exchange

A communique about today's meeting is to be expected, but it is in the nature of official BIS statements in such circumstances that they shed as little light as possible on the pro-ceedings. A BIS spokesman said the statement was not expected

It seems that the second to be ponent of last month's sterling agreement—the offer of foreign when United Kingdom reserves currency bonds to official sterling are rising.

This problem emerged as an area of the ing balance holders was touched on only briefly in

today's meeting.

Centrel bank sources said Beignin, Canada, West today's meeting. Germany, Japan, Holland, Centrel bank sources said Sweden, Switzerland and the this question was one to be

ning to refinance on a longer

The issue is being made in

14 per cent unsecured loan speck 1983, which is being offered at 1994 per cent to give a flat yield of 14.07 per cent and a gross redemption yield of 14.12 per cent. Net proceeds of

the issue, which is being under

written by brokers Mullens & Co and Hoare Govett Limited, will total £48.95m.

The terms of the issue were well received in the stock market, in spite of unhappy memories of FFI's last major offer-

ing in February, 1975. Then

PFI was attempting to raise f75m as part of its initial drive

to become the leading institu

tion for medium-term finance.
But the terms were finely pitched for an institution that many large investors viewed sceptically, and it was generally

felt that considerable pressure

offer was fully subscribed.

United States agreed to contri-bute.

Although no details of today's agreements were disclosed it appears that the technical bonds—it and when they are issued—will be mainly deuominated in dollars. Perhaps for this reason the "strong currency" nations in Europe, chiefly West Germany and Switzerland, have so far not objected too loudly to what would be an unwelcome extension of the reserve currency rule.

sion of the reserve currency role of the Deutsche mark and the Swiss franc. cal problems apparently re-solved at today's meeting was on the point at which the Bank of England can draw on the Basle standby if official surling holders abroad should decide before tomorrow.
It seems that the second com-

issue largely because of the spectacular 75 per cent jump in United Kingdom reserves over

Managers 'demoralized by taxes and low pay'

By Ronald Emler Britain's managers, ranging from company chairmen to foremen and supervisors, are "embittered, demoralized and demotivated" according to a motivated according to a survey published yesterday by Opinion Research Centre. High taxation narrowing differentials, the wage freeze and inflation have combined to undermine undermine their authority, social position and enthusiasm, the report says. As a result most are less efficient than they used to be.

Introducing the report, Lord Riowden, chairman of Equity Capital for Industry, said managers felt "alienated and unloved". They felt they did not have the status or rewards of their American and European counterparts and that often decisions were known on the decisions were known on the shop floor before middle managers were informed of

It was in the nation's interest, he said, to restore their morale and status because they were the innovators who made wealth-creating opportunities. Their present plight was mak-ing it increasingly difficult to recruit first clais people to industrial madagement.

The report indicates serious erosion of efficiency, enthusiasm.

and dedication at work. Half of the 1,100,000 managers are said to be in a mood to consider taking a job overseas and nearly 10 per cept have inquired about

One in four believes promoring

mor worth accepting because maner rates of tax make it ar

mattractive proposition. Nearly, paif think the Government's attitude on menagers' pay and

taxation encourages people to

10 per cept have inquired about foreign posts.

About a quarter say the organization they work for has had difficulty in filling aentor positions in the past three years partly because the pay is not sufficiently attractive to compensate for the additional effort and responsibility. and responsibility.

Taxation is a principal depressing factor, managers say.

81p.
The offer, which values Lamson at 548m and will cost Moore £26.2m, is to be put

Moore wall not vote its 52 per cent holding.
Moore made a parcial offer for Lamson, bringing its hold-ing from 20 per cent to a controlling 52 per cent in 1973, after having received special permission from the Takeover Panel. The partial offer was of 100p a share and there had been hopes that the new offer would have been even higher, particularly in view of the sharp decline in sterling over

Moure intends to transfer ownership of some of Lamson's verseas subsidiaries to Moore International, its Dutch sub-sidiary; but Lamson will continue to operate as a separate

Leyland strike as 32 Levy on Japanese ballbearings

From David Cross Brussels, Feb 7 As part of its continuing

campaign to slow Japanese exports to the EEC, the European Commission has decided. to impose a temporary 20 per cent anti-dumping duty on certain ball bearing products. Announcing this in Brussels

Nachi and Koyo, however, 1975. This trend continued last lower duties of 10 per cent year.

all cases the anti-dumping duties will be added to the normal EEC customs duty of

The duties will remain in force for up to three months while auti-dumping investigations continue. When they have

In its statement, the Com-mission said that imports of ballbearings, tapered roller bearings and their parts from Japan had increased from 5,500 metric tons in 1968 to 15,600 in 1974 and 19,000 in

have been fixed to take account of the narrower gap between European production of bear-export and domestic prices. In causing redundencies

short-time working.

The anti-damping decision is expected to feature in a review of the state of EEC. Japanese trade relations which the European Commission will be presenting to foreign ministers of the Nine at one of their monthly meetings in or their moothly meetings in Brussels tomorrow. Industry pleased: The British Ball and Roller Bearing Manufacturers' Association said it was "very pleased" that the Commission had acted so promptly on the dumping complaint filed by the European bearing manufacturers.

Paris talks today.

"Wild competition" fears,
page 20

Lamson bid by Moore disappoints By Our Financial Staff

Moore Corporation, Canadian-based office equipment group, yesterday an-nounced agreed bid terms for the 48 per cent minority in its United Kingdom subsidiary Lamson Industries, which fell well below best market expec-

The cash bid of 85p a share compared with a closing price last week of 91p, and Lamson shares fell yesterday by 10p to

through by a scheme of arrangement, which will mean that 75 per cent of those voting must agree for it to be successful. Moore will not vote its

the past three years.

If the bid goes

entity. Financial Editor, page 21

EEC jobless up to 5.44 million

Brussels, Feb 7.—There were 5.44 million unemployed in the EEC at the end of December, 1976, up from 5.3 million a month previously and from 5.331 million the year before, the EEC Commission reported

break the law. About 120,000 say they are reducing expenditure on reducing expenditure on clothes and 20,000 say they had to sell their cars. Some 100,000 are in difficulty in maintaining. mortgage repayments. At yesterday's press conference to launch the report, a panel of leading industrialists.

paner of reading industrialists, agreed that as a first step in restoring morale and efficiency, the social climate in which managers operate had to change. The first step should be a reduction in the rates of discrete transfer. direct texation. Sir Arnold Hall, chairman of

Sir Ariold Hall, Chairman or Hawker Siddeley, believed industry would "responding radically" to managers' pay problems if there were no pay

policy. Mr Raymond Pennock, deputy Mr Raymond Pennock, deputy chairman of ICI, revealed that 18 months ago ICI had 70 employees, two or three ranks below board level, earning more than directors. Now there, were more than 200, yet these were potential directors who were reluctant to return to a lower standard of living in lower standard of living in

Britain.
Mr Ronald Halstead, managing director of Beechams, said his company had "a queue of people wanting to go abroad".

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WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and of chased by manufacturing industry. released by the Department of Industry yesterday. The figures are not seasonally adjusted, exclude purchase tax but include

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	Q4	199.1	256.1
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g price rises	July	219.8	302.0
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demand redundancy Leyland wants to close the present outdated paint shop and replace it by a new £20m faci-lity. Mini paint and trim work

By Clifford Webb Leyland Cars' huge investment programme, including work on the new £200m super Mini, was threatened last night has already been moved from by a confrontation with Britain's biggest union over the dismissal of 32 workers.

Mr Jack Jones's Transport and General Workers Union is Castle Bromwich to concentrate all Mini production at Long-bridge ready for the introduction of the new car in 1979. The 500 men employed on this work at Castle Bromwich are being redeployed and the

backing strike action by its 1,300 members at Leyland's Castle Bromwich body plant. They walked out yesterday when the 32 workers all in the paint shop, received dismissal notices because they would not move to cause they would not move to new jobs within the same plant. They wanted to be dectated redundant and become eligible

for compensation payments. The dispute stopped produc-tion of bodies for the new Rover tion of bodies for the new Rover 3500, Jaguars and Minis. By last night more than half the 8,000 strong labour force was idle. Thousands more lay-offs could follow as car assembly plants at Coventry, Solihull and Birmingham run out of bodies.

Leyland executives are alarmed by the implications of the preference for redundancy instead of equal pay jobs. They

instead of equal pay jobs. They cannot understand how this attitude can be justified at a time when Mr Jones and other union leaders are urging the Government and the CBI to take action to reduce unemploy-

ment.

A company spokesman said blocking action of this type by a major union could jeopardize the state-backed scheme to produce a new family of cars in modernized and expanded facilities because redeployment of labour was fundaployment of labour was funda-mental to the whole plan.

factory at the same rate of pay. A Leyland plant manager said yesterday: "The last time we had a redundancy prowe had a redundancy pro-gramme the unions fought for the numbers to be kept to a minimum by the introduction of short time working. They claimed that they were let down by some of their members who queued up to take redundancy. "Some of those same people are now back at work here with

company has given an assurance to the unions that all will

be found jobs elsewhere in the

this preference for money instead of jobs."

land said: "The company could have better understood the T & G approach had the company been failing to offer the union members alternative

are now back at work here with a nice nest egg in the bank. I am frankly astonished that the T & G should now be backing

Leyland workers who accept redundancy compensation can apply to rejoin the company after a month. In a statement yesterday Ley-

"But for the union to support a demand that men be paid redundancy compensation when work is available without loss of pay is so us inexplicable."

How the markets moved

today, the Commission said that been completed it will be up to preliminary investigations into individual governments to complaints by European bearing decide the next course of

manufacturers had shown that action. Japanese products were being exported to the Community sometimes at prices more than 30 per cent lower than they fetch on their domestic market. In the case of two companies,

Shipowners asked to support British yards by Our Industrial Staff
British shipowners were told £100m, but it is thought that By Our Industrial Staff by the Prime Minister yester-

shipyards in a move to help the shipyards in a move to help the industry through the world recession in shipbuilding.

At an hour-long meeting with members of the General Council of British Shipping, led by its president, Lord Inch-cape, Mr Callaghan apparently did not disclose details of the Government's ideas on the question of subsidies, nor the amount of money that might be made available.

any government scheme would fall far sbort of that. The general council outlined the problems facing ship-builders, including the world surplus of capacity which, it said, was liable to persist if not increase in the foreseeable function. day that the Government was urgently examining the case for selective aid to the country's future.

In the Commons yesterday, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, amounced that the Government intended to establish a company which would hold in trust the publicly owned shareholdings in shipbuilding ship repairing and marine engine building com-

The Times index: 165.59-1.76

The FT index: 397.5-6.3

made available. Shipbuilding trade unions

THE POUND **Falls** Allen H. & Ross 15p to 400p

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Tricentrol 5p to 133p
Util Scientific 8p to 148p
Zambia Copper- 2p to 231p Japan Ys Netherland d 4.52 9.41 58.00 2.25 121.75 Norway Kr Portugal Esc Africa Rd Equities fell back on inflation SDR-S was 1.15327 on Friday while SDE-E was 0.672774. Gilt-edged securities were lower.

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Reports, pages 22 and 25

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tion" rate was 42.5 per cent. Gold rose \$2.00 an ounce \$134 375.

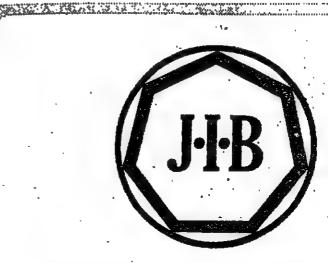
Business appointments Appointments vacant Financial Editor Financial news

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Extract from Accounts at 31st December, 1976.

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Issued Capital	10,800	10,800
Retained Profits	2,462	1,506
Subordinated Loans	5,872	4,941
Deposits	352,480	273,825
Loans	216,665	169,599
Total Assets	379,319	296,810
Profits before Taxation	2,988	1,825
after Taxation	1.388	849

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Potentially commercial gas find by BP off Lincolnshire coast

A small but potentially commercial gas field has been found by British Petroleum about 10 kilometres north-east of its West Sole gas field in the southern basin of the North Sea, off the coast of Lincoln-

The reservoir is on acreage formerly leased by Texaco and Standard Oil of California (Socal) but later handed back to the Government. BP said yes-terday that a well on the block 48/7B had been suspended after testing gas at 10 million cubic fr a day.

Experts from BP are now evaluating the find. Chances of the discovery being developed commercially are good. It could be exploited with a single drill-

By Our Energy Correspondent

Arab Emirates might be pre-

ver prices. The latest hint of a compro-

mise comes in the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) and

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These figures were published by the Department of Industry

RETAIL SALES AND HP

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of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the

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Fresh start for

Villiers plant

The former Villiers engineering factory in Wolverhampton was back in production yesterday on export orders. Wolverhampton Industrial Engines, the new company, has been set up with the help of a £200,000 government loan and aims to huild 25 000 engines in its first

build 25,000 engines in its first year, of which 75 per cent will be going abroad.

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Convertible Into Common Stock of

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Notice of Expiration of Conversion Right

The right to convert the Debentures into shares of common stock of Deere & Company expires on March 15, 1977.

Upon conversion, Debentureholders will receive Deere & Company

common stock at a rate of 52.98 shares for each \$1,000 Deben

The most recent quarterly dividend of 271/2 cents a share was

equivalent to \$14.57 on 52.98 shares; the quarterly accrued

interest on a \$1,000 Debenture is \$12.50; Interest is paid

The conversion price of the Debentures is \$18.875 with any

dividends is made upon conversion. The market price of Deere & Company stock fluctuates and the rate of quarterly dividends is subject to change.

Citibank (First National City Bank)

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Brussels, Belgium

Paris, France

London (city office), England

fractional shares resulting from the conversion of one or more

Debentures paid in cash. No adjustment for accrued interest or

The Debentures may be converted into the equivalent number of

shares of Deere & Company common stock by presenting them for

New York (corporate trust office), New York

Deutsche Bank (head office), Frankfurt, Germany

holders are subject to the terms of the indenture dated

This notice is a reminder only and is not a recommendation to

convert the Debentures or to take any other action concerning

them. Conversion of the Debentures, and all other rights of

lune 15, 1986 with The Chase Manhattan Bank (Nationa)

semi-annually each June 15 and December 15.

converted. The market price for 52.98 shares on January 14, 1977 was \$1609.26 based upon the closing price as reported on the composite list of the New York Stock Exchange on that date.

Department of Industry:

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Saudi Arabia and the United

Texaco and Socal still hold the southern portion of the block, where they drilled two wells which produced small oil flows that were not considered commercial.

Another North Sea participation agreement was announced yesterday—this time with ICI covering its 26 per cent share in the Ninian field.

The British National Oil Corporation will have access to 51 per cent of ICI's oil from Ninian under the agreement but the company will have the opparable quantity and quality at a marker price for use in its British petrochemical opera-tions. ICI will also transfer to

Saudis may compromise on price

the Opec president, for an across the board 10 per cent

ing platform linked by pipeline BNOC part of its voting rights to the processing facilities on the Consortium.

BNOC already has a 30 per

cent stake in the consortium that controls the section of the Ninian field in block 3/3 and has an outline agreement with Chevron, the other major shareholder.

sure from United Kingdom newspapers and agreed to cut The Department of Energy has replied to complaints from the European Commission that its interest relief grants scheme of 48.8 gramme quality newsprint from Sweden, Norway and for United Kingdom suppliers Finland will cost £235 per tonne instead of the £248 originally in the North Sea is unfair to companies from other EEC

demanded. countries. The effect of the original rise, It has told the Commission which both Canadian and Scanthat the scheme is designed to dinavian suppliers imposed, counter cheap credit facilities would have been to add £48m to that are available in the EEC United Kingdom publishing costs this year. The reduction and in countries outside the

has cut the extra cost by a third to about £32m. As a result, newspapers are likely to impose only one in-crease in cover prices this year, although they are certain to face demands from the news-

yesterday bowed to strong pres-

a £40 per tonne increase to £27.

rise early next year. The Scandinavians' decision to cut the increase follows last week's similar move by one of the leading Canadian suppliers, Others, including domestic pro-

print producers for another stiff

Nordic newsprint producers but to follow suit.

The greater part of the increase is to cover losses incurred by the producers because of the falling value of sterling. The increase, operative from But the United Kingdom News-January 1, means that the price print Users' Committee, representing provincial and national newspapers, argued that since November, when the £40 increase was announced, the pound had improved sufficiently to make such a rise unjustifi-

> Under the new terms, the 527 increase will apply as long as the pound's value does not fall below \$1.65, when further compensation would be sought. Equally, should the pound rise to more than \$1.75 additional downward adjustments will be

The £27 includes a "real" increase of about £7 per tonne for the mills, but the producers are keen to stress that this could wiped out if the pound falls in value.

The Nordic producers' cut is in line with the traditional policy of all the suppliers charging the same price.

BSC cuts Shipbuilding talks in Paris today

Paris, Feb 7

Japanese delegates to tomorrow's talks here on measures to deal with the world shipbuilding crisis are expected to offer some concessions to their European counterparts.

But the proposals are likely to fall well short of the European desire to see a more equitable sharing of the world market for new ships, but efforts to resolve the impasse

will continue.

European delegates to the two-day meeting of the Organization for Economic Coopera-tion and Development's committee on shipbuilding want Japan to agree to an equal sharing of the world market for new orders—a proposal rejected by the Japanese on the grounds that such a scheme would be unworkable and counter to the principle of free trade.

Japanese officials have indica-ted that instead they will offer to limit Japan's share to a given base year level—likely to be 1975, when they had 50 per cent of the market—and the rest would be shared between European and Third World

But the Europeans will almost certainly reject the offer. It would provide Europe with since the balance would almost

only between one and two million tons gross until 1980, certainly be soaked up by ex-panding capacity in Third

Unacceptable level of building sector unemployment

Sir, Mr Hermon's letter (Public spending cuts: effect on private sector), published on February

has hit the nail on the head. The figure of 14 per cent unemployment in the construction industry quoted by Mr Hermon related to August last year, the larest available due to a dispute in the department concerned. It is hard to envisage that the level, which will be higher now, would be acceptable in any industry with union muscle behind it. Unfortunately it is in the nature of construction and of its many suppliers that the labour force is scattered throughout the length and breadth of the

country. In many ways the supplying industries are in an eyen more difficult position. In most cases they are capital intensive and the direct labour force is not very high. However, the closure of isolated plants in country areas can have a pro-found effect on local communities. In addition, without this activity there is reduced work for those involved in transport, distribution and the processing Pederation, and end use of the raw 14 Waterloo Place, materials. London.

quarrying are, therefore, not flexible, and if allowed to do so could go into decline. Resurgence when needed later would be extremely costly and much of the earlier capital ex-penditure would have been wasted.

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G. T. BODKIN, Director General, The British Quarrying and Slag

tion, particularly aggregates, cannot be exported because of cost factors. Industries like

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

of his fellow citizens.

employees have the discretion

to disclose tax evasion to the

authorities, they are surely

party to any tax evasion they

Has Mr Vose any suggestions

about the fines and jail sen-tences to be imposed on bank employees for negligently fail-

ing to report tax evasion to the

I write as a fully paid-up PAYE member, who has no

financial interest in the matter

Vose and his brother-unionists

are really desirable in a sup-

but wonders whether appointed vigilantes like

posedly free country. Yours faithfully, J. KEITH R. BARNETT,

Newcastle upon Tyne 3.

38 Rothbury Avenue, Regent Farm Estate,

should lead.

authorities?

Bank employees in

Revenue informers

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legislation to relieve his members of their duty of sec-

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dealing with customers' busi-

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Legislation, to be effective,

must embody a penalty for non-compliance. His members

would therefore exchange their

role of "reluctant" confidents for that of "enforced" spies. This proposition is just

This proposition is just another step in the insidious

advance to the corporate, and eventually police, state, where neighbour spies on neighbour,

no confidence is safe and sus-

picion poisons all social har-

To most Englishmen the whole concept will be obnoxious. No doubt Mr Vose would not

object to his legislation provid-

ing for banks prominently to display the notice: "Warning: The staff of this bank are sta-

report any suspicion of tax evasion (or other malfeasance)

arising from their work on

your affairs."
Or would he?
Yours faithfully,

R. F. PEARSON

Haslemere,

Cautley, Courts Mount Road,

Where would it stop?

of tax evasion.

mony.

show that an additional ex-penditure of about £50m on roads would preserve employment directly or indirectly for some 5,000 people, not a startling figure, but it compares quite well with some other projects and with job creation schemes. The net cost would be much lower because of sav-

recent calculations

ing redundancy pay and unemployment benefits.

MPs and the public should take note of these factors in addition to the wider issues highlighted in Mr Hermon's letter. Perhaps it is not too

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From Dr J. T. McMullan From Mr R. F. Pearson

Sir, Mr W. Vose, assistant secretary of the National Union of Bank Employees, pro-Sir, Having read the correspondence in your c with varying degrees of i with which he acknowledges his eagerness to pry into the affairs and anguish, I have been to respond to Mr David C Many people, now inhibited letter (February 2) b by the repressive taboos of curelectricity yet again. Mr rent social conduct from indulgchooses to perpetuat ing their natural propensity for sniffing and snooping, will be grateful to Mr Vose for the fashionable myth that gas is a "perfect" fuel iberation of "mores" (?) to which his recommendations is delivered to the co without losses and wh One slight problem remains burnt by the consumer w to be cleared up before the Golden Age can begin. If bank per cent efficiency.

This is far from the There are losses of sizes in the delivery of gas to consumers and, say it, there is even ele used in pumping it. At t sumer, the combustion eucy is typically around cent-and not the 80 p appropriate to a perfect! tained installation run full capacity and in equi —a situation that is achieved in practice.

on short-duty cycle op-(as in the supply of d hot water only during the mer months) the efficien be as low as 20 per cent. On the other hand, el heating is 100 per cent e at the point of consumpti so the 30 per cent over ply efficiency quoted Crabbe actually represe energy saving during the mer months. Electricity essential for the cheap p of rotating machine engines are expensive. I of this is that electricis worst a factor of two wor. natural gas as an ener ply, and may be up to a of 1.5 better.

The other factor that gent national energy is ment must eventually ta account is the extreme ted resource of natural available to us, its ideal ter as a chemical feeds synthetic fibres, pharr cals, fertilizers, nature of the fuels by produce electricity: lov coal, residual oil, uraniu These are fuels that utilized only in plant scale and are not wid plicable for other my portant purposes than I burning of a valuable r such as natural gas and couragement by discrin pricing structures, that sents irresponsibility, r

disposal of otherwise u fuel for the generat electricity. Yours faithfully, J. T. McMULLAN. Energy Study Group, School of Physical Scient The New University of U

Northern Ireland February 3.

Recruiting the best for British industr

From Mr R. N. Exton
Sir, "Why can't we recruit the
best for British Industry?" Production industry too often receives from schools the candidates it deserves, those who are unplaced in the academically-orientated race to the top. It deserves them, I submit, be-cause it has so far not been ready to invest enough faith and funds in the value of leader-

ship.

Between school and university in Britain more opportunity for work-experience is needed to bridge the communication barrier between the academic world and the world of industry. Industrial work cannot be realistically simulated in the schoolroom under the ephemeral influence of the Industrial

A "challenge of industry conference" is the first step, but afterwards what change is there for a boy or girl to explore pos-sibilities at first hand without actually committing themselves to a career decision? A tem-porary job sweeping the shop-floor is not a valid experience in this context. Exposure to problems and to responsibility situations is what is required.

service", a scheme to give selected school leavers work experience in production industry? These opportunities should be awarded on a comperitive basis for a period between school and further education, and wholly without strings. The work would have to be carefully chosen and in suitable fields; the wages would be realistic and after it was over, unlike a sandwich course it would demand no subsequent obligation on either side. The emphasis would be on experience not on training.
For industry it would be

"operation ground bair", but it is not unlikely that many of these young people would be hooked, for they would realize at first hand that production problems are essentially human problems and that arts and technology are both good pre-parations for an industrial

British industry can hardly be in a speculative mood, and it would be bad for morale to see the young offered sinecures at a time when middle-aged men are being declared redundant, but if firms were prepared to

Why not "national industrial give the scheme a fair ervice", a scheme to give it could lead to the vittelected school leavers work exists that white-collar career cycle which per; the gap between the of the shop floor.

As for the cost of ta

a "student prince" for months, it would be a the price of one titani for the Concorde. Yet us it is always said that t is not propinious for a tive of this kind. In Britain we clearly be cost-effective, but v not be so obsessed with difficulties that we for

need to plan for years
The social and financis The social and manual lems of an industrial na inevitably inter-linker If we cannot find the now to involve the best young in the future of industry, it will be a far

price that we will all pay later. Yours faithfully, RODNEY EXTON, Reed's School Sandy Lane.

COMPANY MEETING

KILLINGHALL (RUBBER) **DEVELOPMENT SYNDICATE**

MR. ADDINSELL'S STATEMENT

The Sixty-seventh General Meeting of Killinghall (Rubber) Development Syndicate, Limited was held on Feb-ruary 7 in London, Mr J. Addinsell, the Chairman, presid-

As expected, the lifting of restrictions on the use of stimu-lants in October, 1975, resulted in a better crop for the year ended 30th June 1976, at 327,043 kilos, a useful 5 per cent improvement on that for

1974-75. Tin tribute, our major source of income, was £97,191. The Chairman of Killinghall Tin has

reported on discussions which his board have been having with their sister company, Hongkong Tin and Bumiputra interests on a scheme involving a merger of interests to exploit ore reserves of the two tin companies and the purchase of a large tin Harrisons and Crosfield i.

Annual dredge for the purpose.

Ilinghall to financial consideration ever, the parties to the p merger scheme have not to proceed with it native schemes for ex the remaining tin dep the tin sub-leases are un sideration.

The profit before t. £137,380. Taxation 1. £84,606. The Board reco 284,606. The Board reco per share, making a 1 6.399 pence for the year pects for the current fi year naturally depend u rate of the tin tribute able and commodity price with the substantial bala profit and loss account maintenance of divide their present level is assumed.

The report was adopte. Agents and Secretar

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) make a 2.5 per cent cut in their members would increase their prices by 5 per cent on July 1. the 10 per cent increase for the rest of the year, the other 11 members of Opec would drop their plans for a further 5 per This would produce a 7.5 per Other Opec sources suggested cent increase on last year's crude prices and would end the

pared to increase their oil the prices by a further 2.5 per cent if the 11 other members of the rise. He had suggested to the Saudis that if they would accept cent rise in crude oil prices from July 1. two-tier system which came into operation on January 1 after the split in the organization

According to MEES two other compromises are being discussed by Opec members. The first is that the two-tiered system should be left until July 1, when Saudi Arabia and

follows the rejection by the the Saudis of a proposal by Mr wou Abdulaziz bin Khalifa al Thani, 5 p would increase their prices by 5 per cent in return for the other 11 members dropping their second 5 per cent rise. There is also a proposal that the 11 should drop their price by 5 per cent and that all 13

> yesterday that Saudi Arabia and the UAE might be prepared accept a compromise would average out the price increase for the year at 7.5 per cent but added that this idea might be difficult to sell to some of the hard line members of the 11.

French attack 'the wild' competition for exports

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Feb 7 The final seasonally-adjusted

A stop must be put to "wild competition " by foreign countries on the French market. M Francois Ceyrac, president of the CNPF, the French employers' federation, said today. in an interview to the Toulouse newspaper, La Depeche du

This competition was "the opposite of real competition to which we are strongly which we are strongly attached", he stressed.

It took various forms but its effects were dangerous. Some extremely countries, voluntarily or otherwise, allowed their currency to de-preciate in order to depress artificially the price of their exports.

vages which enabled them to flood the French market with their wares. Still others, like the East European countries, ex-ported at prices below the cost

Others had a low level of

"It has therefore become Government urgent to react", M Ceyrac "dumping" said, "in order to fight back like Japan.

£1m expansion by

second largest spring interior mattress, divan and headboard

manufacturer in Britain, plans

to spend £1m on development

at Barnoldswick, Lancashire, in

a mill which is being vacated this month by Rolls-Royce. The

investment is expected to create 100 jobs within 18 months.

Wellhouse Mill has been used

by Rolls-Royce for making and repairing sircraft engines. Stientnight are taking over the whole mill, in which there are

some sub-tenants, largely to

Weir Westgarth wins

£50m order in Dubai

Weir Westgarth, of Glasgow, has won an order for six desalination plants in Dubai, worth more than £50m.

Work on the project, the

largest ever undertaken by a company of the Weir Group, and the largest single export order ever awarded to a Scot-

tish company, is to start early

expand production.

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external aggression. The Common Market disposes on paper an apparently complete "In fact, this arsenal is not used, and we demand that it should be. The responsibility of the Government is involved. Steps must be taken to safe guard our vitel interests, pre-

serve certain industriel sectors and protect employment." "France", he said, "must become our first export mar-This was no paradox for the objective was to compete on the domestic market with increasingly acrive foreign com-

"A campaign must therefore be waged against sales practices which unduly encourage French buyers to go for foreign goods ". M Ceyrac added. "But French buyers must also have a reflex of commercial patriotism, that is to say, of well understood national interest."

This strong stand by the employers' leader echoes the Government's concern over "dumping" by some countries

coil and sheet costs Our Industrial Correspondent.

Plans by the British Steel Corporation to cut the price of hot rolled coil and sheet steel products by offering a rebate of £10 a tonne in an attempt to meet competition from imports produced a mixed reaction among the corporation's custo-

mers yesterday.

The stockholding industry has built up substantial stocks of a whole range of the BSC's products in expectation of an up-turn in demand—not likely to materialize until the autumn at least. Now it faces losses of £10 a tonne on stock of hot rolled coil and sheet products already bought and laid down in ware-

Many customers, however, have welcomed the BSC move at a time when prices tend to rise rather than fall. The BSC is attempting to win

back its share of the market lost to imports over the past three years and also to compete with the price at which impor-ted hot rolled products—particularly from the Far Eastare being landed in Britain. But the private sector,

major customer of the rebated products which are bought for further processing by steel re-rolling companies, expressed serious reservations about the move. Customers said demand had reached such a slack level that any cut in price was unlikely to produce a marked improvement in their demand for the cheaper priced products.

Services industry seeks City aid

The Computing Association intends to "make further efforts to ensure that finance institutions in the City are made aware of the pros pects and needs of the industry, so that improving relationships can emerge with a more flex-ible range of financial facilities

and investment support."
This is one point in a 10point programme for 1977 which has been announced by the association. Among other areas covered are government policy, Europe, the UK Midland region, exports and privacy.
The CSA says it hopes to

influence strongly a government strategy for computing by a continued dialogue with representatives. "In particular", the association says, "the CSA will propose policies which will help to build a strong British computing services in dustry operating internationally as a cohesive but independent

In the context of the CSA's activity in the Midlands region, the association says that efforts will be made to liaise with industrial manufacturing organizations to promote the use of computing for the purpose of improving UK industrial production ".

In developing existing export markets and seeking new ones, the association plans to coordinate the resources of all its member-companies to increase the overseas earnings of the computing services sector.

Computer news

On privacy, the CSA sims to influence proposed legislation in Britain and abroad. In par-ticular, the CSA will emphasize the cost implications of proposed laws and will monitor and protest any movement likely to be detrimental to computing services on the national or international scene".

Activities within the frame-work of the European Computing Services Association include preparing for a world comput-ing services industry conference in 1978.

Varian's new mini

A new time-sharing computer system which is being aimed at users in civil engineering, scientific and technical design and research, has been announced by Varian Data Machines, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Known as VAMP/3, the sys-

tem combines the Varian V77 minicomputer hardware with the latest version of the MP/3 operating system developed in the United Kingdom by Alcock Shearing & Partners.

Immediate applications for VAMP/3, which will sell for between about £20,000 and £30,0000, are primarily in civil engineering, scientific and technical design and research, edu-

cation and forecasting. In wider terms, the system is expected to penetrate into the technical, scientific, commercial and financial environments.

Newbury VDU/printer A combination of microprogrammed visual display terminal plus a printout unit for £1,850 has been announced by Newbury Laboratories of Newbury, Berkshire. This, it is believed, is the first

time that a programmable com-bination of this kind has been available for less than £2,000. Newbury's turnover for 1976 was £750,000, of which 10 per cent represented exports. Turnover for 1977 is expected to double to £1.5m, with exports accounting for 25 per cent of

Zeus Hermes micros Zeus-Hermes, the London software consultancy, has set up

a new division to handle microprocessor-based systems. Known as Micro-Z, the new

service will include the provision of application-based software to run on a client's own machine, or a complete microprocessor system from initial consultancy, through design and implementation to handover of both hardware and software.

Kenneth Owen

Business appointments

Board changes for ICI Plastics Division

Two directors of ICI Plastics Division, Mr A. A. Gibson and Mr C. L. Danks will be retiring on March 31, 1977. Their positions are being filled respectively by Dr B. H. Lochtenburg, already a Plastics. moves to films on April 1 and by Mr J. T. Harrison, previously the division's chief accountant.

Sir Iain Stewart has rejoined the board of Scottish Television, Mr David Johnstone, Controller of Programmes since February, 1976, has been made Director of Pro-

Mr E. I. Downing has resigned as a director of Warwick Engineering Investments. Mr Cyril Townsend has been ppointed a non-executive director ombard North Central. Mr Ernest Jones, secretary, has become a Director.

Mr Alan Kennedy has joined the board of the Thomas Cook Group and will become managing director of Thomas Cook Ltd from April 1, succeeding Mr Ralph Kanter, who will take over responsibilities for the Thomas Cook Group subsidiaries outside of United Kingdom and the United States.

Owing to Ill-health Mr D. B. Mr J. U. Kai-Nielson has joined the board of Harrison, Cliff & Goedhuis (Vintners). Cameron has resigned all executive duties within the Camera

Group. He remains a member of the holdings board and has been made a consultant to the group. Mr R. A. Freeland has become sales director for Hall and Hall. Mr J. N. W. Dudley will be made a director of Cater Ryder and Co. Mr John Gray has been appointed deputy managing director of West, Leigh & Co. Mr C. D. Bioomfield, Mr I. R Dickson and Mr A. R. Wood have been elected directors of Vaux Breweries (England).

Mr J. H. Dawson is now manag-ing director of Twitlex Couplings. Mr R. P. Harrison will be Lloyd's Register's new senior prin-cipal surveyor for the Middle East area, exclusive of Iran. He will take up his appointment in April. Mr Robert C. Wickenden has been appointed to the board of Basildon Development Corpora-

Mr Donald Davison has been made chairman of two NCB Coal Products Group companies— National Smokeless Fuels and Thomas Ness—In succession to Mr Leslie Grainger Mr Grainger is chakman of NCB (Coal Products) and Mr Davison is managing director.

Mr John Wallace has been appointed director of technical services at The Birmingham Mint.

Mr D. L. Hodgson has been elected chairman of PA International & Sturge Underwriting Agency, the new Lloyd's Members' Agent. The other directors appointed are: Mr J. F. P. Cheetham, Mr D. E. Coleridge, Mr J. R. Crabtree, Mr R. N. Edwards, Mr T. P. Houghton and Mr C. E. Parnelli. Parnelli.

Mr Bhaskar Mitter has been appointed chairman of The Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation in succession to Mr Sacuished

in succession to Mr Sachindra Chaudhurl, who has relinquished his seat on the board.

Mr E. G. Shore has been appointed production director of Marston Excelsion. He succeeds Mr G. Morris, who recently became managing director.

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, has been made president of Calleon World Travel Association.

Mr D. T. Griffiths and Mr C. Morley have joined the board of Pullmafter International Holdings. Mr Griffiths is the new research and development director. Mr Morley is managing director of Pulmastex UK. Mr Keith Collen has been

appointed managing director of In-tertruck. He succeeds Mr Graeme Smith, who has become chairman.

From Mr R. H. Smith Sir, Your Financial Editor's suggestion (February 3) that the Hoare Govett conclusion on reduction of capital gearing

CCA optimism

ratios on the application of CCA is "a welcome antidote to the gloom about the adverse effects on P & L accounts" is surely optimistic. Capital gearing ratios have always been, and are increas-ingly, less important than a

company's ability to service borrowed (and equity) capital. CCA will highlight the "dele-terious effects" of inflation showing that companies have less ability than is thought not only to replace and strengthen the store of wealth in assets but also to service borrowings. It will be no comfort to borrowers who have to pay for

balance sheer gearing ratios reduced dramatically by the application of CCA.

Lenders, indeed, may look
more closely at the cash flow
after CCA than at the new-look historic gearing levels; they are unlikely to be willing to top up a company's borrowing

restore the original gearing

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But, having decided that needs must be, herein lies the rub. The cost of money to FFI particularly after allowing for heavy expenses is anything but cheap. To the extent that this is really retrospective financing of business that has a known and adequate income, it may not seem to matter. But it does not seem to matter. But it does raise the question of whether or not FFI can fully play its intended role as industrial investment revives. A lot looks to depend on how

far restraints on the banking system force the clearers to pull back on their medium term lending—which continued to grow last year—and, on the other hand, whether lower in-terest rates pump new life into the extant corporate bond mar-ket. It might, of course, be that FFI itself is seeking out new areas to exploit.

offer cash for Investment trusts Contrasting

views

With would-be rivals lurking in the wings, Guinness Peat thinks it worthwhile to come in with a generous agreed bid for Lon-don Electrical and General Trust which should rule out any possibility of a higher counter offer. United Kingdom Provi-dent, which was expected to bid, remained silent vestorday. The remained silent yesterday. The question now for the investment trust sector, which is anticipating further bids imminently, is whether Guinness Peat's generosity is to be regarded as set-ting a precedent or whether British Rail pension fund's much less expansive approach to Standard Trust is a better guide. LEGT's current asset value is 1034p and its break-up asset value 931p. Against this Guinness Pear's paper and cash offer is worth 1021p even after yesterday's 10p fall in the shares to 158p and there is an all-cash underwritten alternative of 98p. So at the very minimum Guin-ness Peat is bidding 5 per cent over break-up value and more like 10 per cent if its share price holds up. Contrast against this the proposal by British Rail pension fund to offer 5 per cent below Standard Trust's break-up value.

Guinness Pear's bid could put pressure on British Rail pension und to come up with something better for Standard Trust, but ought not to be taken as too important a measure in itself because of its unusual circumstances. First, Guinness Peat, through its merchant bank sub-sidiary Guioness Mahon, is already managing the trust; to that extent its bid might be

Seen as a protective one.
Second the real prospect of an alternative bid may well Moore Corporation's bid for the have pushed Guinness Peat into minority of Lamson Industries offering a higher price than it would have otherwise. If there is to be any conclusion at all it must be that future bidders will be lucky to get investment trusts at less than break-up value although they need not necessarily have to pay more. That would point to a price of around 140p a share for Standard Trust.

Tricentrol Big league aspirations

Second-line oil shares have being that it moved along smarrly in BP's its funding and Shell's slipstream over the counting year past couple of weeks, yet would mean Tricemrol's continued strength, up another 5n to 133p yester-day for a rise of two-fifths since the third-quarter results in December, owes at least something to the bid rumours that have been billowing around

the group for months.

If bid talk alone, however, were all that was keeping Triand almost a centrol's price up, it would be no more interesting than the

half-a-dozen or more supposed firm takeover candidates in the market at yresent. But there are two developing strands in Tricentrol's profit make-up that will transform the group over the next three years and both of these those are now working through rather more quickly

than expected. One is the North Sea. After its sticky patch in the wake of Burmah's collapse, Tricentrol managed to regain its credibility after arranging a £60m government loan to cover its North Sea financing require-

ments on the strength of a market capitalization little more than a fifth of that sum. Its interest in the Thistle Field will only start to come through at the earnings level in 1980 when government loans are paid off and when it does the shares will be selling on around four times fully taxed earnings while United States tax concessions should drop that by a further point.

that by a further point.

Meanwhile, further North Sea drive comes from the pros-pect of another field on Block 211/18 and the group has hopes of more scences when the next round of allocations are amounced this week.

Less appreciated is the strong possibility of more benefits fro mits United States gas interests. Longer term, the recent cold snap in America with its natural gas shortages could well lead to some liberalization of price controls there which have for years inhibited the exploitation of gas reserves; with its reserves only waiting to be developed at the right price that would do wonders for Tricentrol.

More immediately, Tricentro could well see some windfall profits if its bid for "small producer status" in the United States is successful since in the convoluted United States gas scene that would enable it to charge higher prices which could be retrospective for maybe a year.

Given that fast moving earn ings action and the promise of a more generous dividend, there can be no "right" price for the shares though one benchmark could be net asset value some 50 per cent more than the present level.

Bur I have a suspicion that management would like to move into the bigger league and that sort of leap forward can only come as a result of a merger or a link with a larger group, Ultramar perhaps.

Moore/Lamson Hobson's

minority of Lamson Industries points up one of the major problems of partial bids. The Takeover Panel allowed Moore to make an offer for 52 per cent of Lamson in 1973. That offer was at 100p a share. Yes terday's offer for the minority was 15p less.

The offer squares with

current Tekeover Code rules, and in today's markets looks reasonable. It takes Lamson out on a p/e ratio of 13, is above asset value and is nearly 50 per cent higher than the pre-bid price.

The advisers to the minority. Schroder Wagg, believe that such an offer must be put to shareholders, and the Scheme of Arrangement, which requires 75 per cent acceptance of those of course), is doubly fair while having the advantage to Moore of cancelling any minority when

it goes through.
But shareholders are faced with Hobson's choice. There will be no other bid and that Hobson's choice was created by the partial bid three years ago.

enough for West Germany Despite mounting unemployment at home and growing pressue from foreign states-West German govern-Chancellor Helmut

Although the economic summit, which will probably be held in London on May 10, is held in London on May 10, is intended to produce more coordination in economic policy between the leading western nations Germany has already firmly charted its course for 1977.

Last month saw the publication of the Governments of the content for the co

Schmidt is showing no signs of shifting to a more expansive economic policy.

economic policy report for 1977 and approval by the Cabinet of the federal budget for this year, drawn up by Herr Hans Apel, the finance minister. minister.

Both make it clear that Germany does not intend to boost its economic growth at the risk of fuelling inflation.

target of 5 per cent real growth this year to follow last year's real increase in gross national product of 5.6 per cent. It expects that the cost of living will rise on average by just under 4 per cent after last year's average rise of 4.5 per Unemployment, which last

year averaged rather more than one million, should fall to an average of about 900,000. Federal government spend-ing is to rise by 6.2 per cent m 171,800m Deutschemarks (about £41,398m), but Bonn's net borrowing requirement is budgeted to fall to DM22,800m from DM25,810m last year.

Even though the number of unemployed rose sharply last month to nearly one and a quarter million, the fall in the budget deficit is a sign that officially the Federal Government believes that the recession is over.

For the first time since 1974 the Government is putting for-ward a "normal" budget—that is, one which conforms with Article 115 of the "Basic Law", which stipulates that only in an emergency can government borrowing exceed the sum of federal investments in any one year.

But to a majority of foreign leaders and a minority of the German population, the country's economic situation is anything but " normal". If Mr Jimmy Carrer, the American When it comes to money, President, Mr Callaghan, the memories tend to be long. Even

stimulate its own and the world's economy and there are sound arguments against trying to do more?

Bonn, it is argued, is

already doing much to

Herr Hans Apel, the West German finance minister: a fear of stifling the recovery.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (the German equivalent of the TUC) have one view in common it is that the German Government is not

these views and in its own defence points out that an in-

will have a minimal impact on the economy this year.

It is almost as if the Bonn government has girded itself for a rather unpleasant period in which its friends, allies and debtors will my to "clobber Germany" into doing more to stimulate the economy. In response, Bonn is likely to grin and bear the pressure as best

For while the feeling outside Germany may be that Bonn's policy is "unreasonable", the overriding belief within Chan-cellor Schmidt's government and the Federal Bank is that the reverse is true. Germany, it is argued, is already doi: much to stimulate its own and the world's economy and there are sound political and economic arguments against trying

The most important con- ment, sideration is that no Garman The government can be seen to compromise with inflation. To do so would be to commit electoral suicide.

those too young to have experi-enced losing all their savings once or even twice in a lifetime have been brought up with a horror of inflation.

4 per cent inflation-still not good

The dread of inflation has the German Government is mind a suspicion of retigination of doing enough to cure unemmind a suspicion of retigination ployment either at home or forget how many times in the past few months German officers and bankers—either consciously or unconsciously— have in conversation treated inflation and reflation as being

It is probably fair to say that the German Federal Bank and its predecessor, the Bank Deutscher Länder, were largely guided by monetarist princi-

Peter Norman

ples long before the rise to prominence of Professor Mil-ton Friedman. Keynes has always tended to play a secondary role in official West German economic thought. The German Government did

adopt Keynesian methods to combat the effects of the world recession in 1975 and its policy bore fruit in last year's very respectable growth in the economy. But, as the present unemployment figures show, general expansion of demand has brought only partial success in restoring full employ-

The attitude of the German consumer is a good example of the problems of applying prin-ciples of economics in real life. At the beginning of 1975 a reform of the income tax and family allowance system came

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into force which had the net effect of boosting the overall income of the country's private households by: some DM13,000m but instead of strongly stimulating consump-tion the tax reform brought on

a savings boom. It was only last year that consumer spending revived, but growth was confined largely to new car purchases. The retail trade experienced one of its worst ever years.

This year some DM20,000m. which have been tied up under government premium savings schemes, will be channelled back to the consumer, but so far this flow of cash appears to have had little effect on

In place of stimulation of demand, the government is putting its faith in selective public investment and in-creased vocational training and

retraining.

For the restoration of full employment it believes that there must be a medium-term improvement in the business climate and an increase in industry investment.

Industry holds the key to restoring full employment in Germany. There is general agreement that the cause of the present unemployment is the industrial investment gap of the 1970s. According to one of the

country's leading industrialists, the present administrati Dr Manfred Lennings, chief break with this tradition. executive of the Gutehoffnung- In view of the financia shittle group, a real increase of 4 par cent a year in invest-ment from 1970 would have resulted in 400,000 to 500,000 more jobs being available

To redress the balance the economics ministry calculated a year ago that investment would have to rise by a real 8 per cent a year to the end of the decade. In this situation the role of economic policy is to provide flanking assistance. But political considerations can impose limitations. A government in which the Social Democrat Party is the major partner cannot be seen to hand out too many gifts to industry. On the other hand, the government has justified

the government has justified its resistance to trade union calls for a DM20,000m investment programme with the claim that it could lead to higher financing costs for industry.

In Bonn there is a real fear that, if investment starts to lift off and government borrowing is not under control, then the subsequent . competition for funds on the capital market could push up interest rates and stifle the recovery before it has even got under way.

Herr Apel, the finance minister, has said that a 1 per cent rise in interest rates would cost German private business 4,000m marks a year. This is well above the 2,000m 3,000m marks of new orders the government expects to place this year under its investment programme.

The West German Govern-ment would therefore argue that its scope for putting the economy back on its feet is strictly limited.

In one important respect Germany can claim that it has played an important role in helping the world out of reces-sion. While still running enor-mous export surpluses German imports from other industria-lized countries increased by 26 per cent between 1974 and 1976, while those of the United States rose by only 14 per cent and Japan showed no growth

The history of West German resistance to the exhortations and advice of other nations in the field of economic policy is almost as long as the history of the country itself and there seems little reason to expect the present administration to

In view of the financial sup-port that the Federal Republic has been able to give to ailing economies like those of Italy and Britain this stubbornness is probably not a bad thing

Eric Wigham

Equal pay: bringing the issues into focus

the year, 112 applications were upheld and 309 dismissed.

Uncertain how much blame the Act and how much the tribunals, critics generally compromized by attacking both. Little attention was paid to the large number of cases sertled in the favour of women without a hearing.

At the Trades Union Congress in September tri-Union bunal decisions were described as at best "arbitrary and erratic" and too narrow in their interpretation. A moden was passed demanding amendment of the Act.

Not long afterwards, Mr John Grant, Under-Secretary for Employment, said that the Government was ready to con-sider amending the Act at the appropriate time. Since the aurumn, however,

there has been a change in atmosphere, largely due to the judgments of the Employment Appeals Tribunal under Mr Justice Phillips. Out of 13 Moore gains no friends by not cases so far heard on appeal offering the same as it did then. only five have been dismissed,

setting out general principles under which the Act should be interpreted. It was natural that the tri-

bunals, dealing with a new Act without guidance or precedents, should have arrived at conflicting decisions—particularly in respect of vague phrases which necessitated subjective judgment—and not sur-prising that some should have

taken a narrow view.

Mr Justice Phillips discussed such phrases in his judgment in September on the first appeal, known as the Capper Pass case, involving a Humber-side firm of that tame Indeside firm of thart name. Under the terms of the Act a woman is entitled to pay and condi-tions equal to those of a man if she is employed on "like work", which means work of the same or "broadly similar" nature. Work is broadly similar if the differences are not

"of practical importance".

"It would be possible in almost every case", Mr. Justice Phillips said, "by too pedantic an approach to say that the

examination or be constrained to find that work is not like work merely because of insub-stantial differences."

Claims for equality may be made not only on the grounds that women are doing like work with men but also that they are on a job which, though different, has been given an equal value in a job evaluation exercise.

Some tribunals have ignored job evaluation studies, which they consider unsatisfactory, and used the "like work" test. The Employment Appeals Tri-bunal takes the view that the Act can only apply to studies which are thorough in analysis and capable of impartial appli-cation, but has said that there must be "plain error" if such

studies are to be set aside.

Decisions have sometimes upset carefully devised pay structures and at least one company, Electrolux, is considering taking an appeals tribunal award to the Appeal

Another problem, which has cropped up several times, is the "red circle" arrangement, in which men put in a lower grade have continued to receive their previous higher rates more or less temporarily. Job evaluation agreements often provide that no one

should be made worse off.

used than the Equal Pay Act, but 10 more are outstanding. One case raised the question whether discrimination in promotion was already illegal before the Act came into force because of the Treaty of Rome. The European Court ruled last spring that the Treaty was automatically incorporated into the laws of EEC countries. But if so, would the tribunals or the ordinary courts have jurisdiction?

diction ? The appeals tribunal president has asked counsel to argue the relevance of the

Treaty in two equal pay cases and has meanwhile reserved judgment Allegations of discrimination in collective agreements are taken to the Central Arbitration Committee which last year heard 18 such cases. As the unions were successful or par-tially successful in the great

majority, the committee's work has aroused little criti-Tribunals have been wondering whether, when the Employment Appeals Tribunal has reversed industrial tribunal decisions, complainants who have lost similar cases may go back to a tribunal claiming that the judgment of the appeals tribunal constitutes

new evidence.

While the EAT appeals tri-bunal has taken some of the

The Equal Pay Act came into four of which were appeals by the autumn of last year there was mounting distratisfaction among trade unions and women's organizations about the outcome of complaints to industrial tribunals.

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The intention of the Equal Pay act of what was done and the similarity of the Equal Pay act of the Sex Discrimination of the Equal Pay making it easier to revise jobevaluated pay structures.

There will undoubtedly be

continued pressure for more women to be appointed to industrial tribunals, which consist of a chairman, an employer and a union nominee. At present about one in five on both the workers' and the employers panels are women, which means that there is a two-in-five chance that one woman will be sitting. The main issue, however, will continue to be whether "like work" should be replaced by "work of equal value", thus allowing claims to. be made where there are no men doing comparable work. The idea of creating a "national men" has been pur forward in an attempt to over-come the obvious difficulties. It is hard to see how the change could be made without general job evaluation, which has been spreading rapidly and will probably spread more rapidly still when incomespolicy allows. But even if it were universal, old social atti-

tudes, among some employees as well as employers, and

among some of the women themselves, are likely to result,

for as far into the future as

we can see, in some grading

weighted against women.

Business Diary: '... and a talk on snakes'

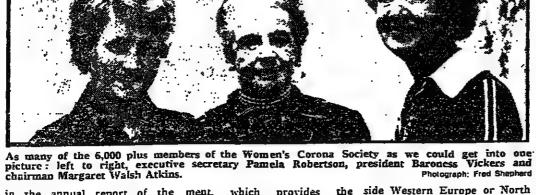
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busy organizing one-day courses for outward-bound British for outward bound British wives, many of them referred to the society by such bodies as the Professional & Executive Register.
The women do not have to be members to attend the

courses, but many subsequently sign up. These days, the chairman, Margaret Walsh Arkins, says "You can now join if you've never left Wigan or Weymouth, provided you would like to help women coming to Mrs Walsh Atkins came to

and more women on the cour-ses are "commercial", but ses are "commercial", our adds: "It's taken a long time to persuade business that their



employees, let alone their wives, need more help than 'Oh, our man on the spot'll help when the Women's Corona Society in they get out there'."
the 1960s through her first Pameia Robertson, the executive secretary, remembers one husband, the late Lord Runcorn. untries, with health and tropics.

Our headline on described

As Dannis Vosper, he was girl saying at the end of her day's briefing—only days before departure—"Thank God I can sleep tonight."

On arrival in a country out-

be under greater strain than her husband. The man at least will spend his days in a familiar environment doing a job he knows, but a woman who was a working wife at home will probably find that she is not allowed to work if she is in a

developing country. If at home she was a full-time housewife, abroad she may find she is obliged to employ servants, and many younger women nowadays are ill at ease with other people running the "The women who before the

ment and the colonial service knew what life would be like, that they would be off to Turkey or Timbuctoo at the drop of a hat and they'd just pack up and go." Apart from advising wives on

war married into the govern-

the practical problems of mov-ing to more than sixty foreign countries, therefore, there is preparation for making the most of the new and sometimes compulsory leisure.

The notes for newcomers to Nigeria warn: "If you have to

buy new suitcases to come out buy new surcases to come our here, do not buy very expen-sive ones. They suffer very rough handling on the ship and at the docks and airports."

In Abu Dhabi (no mini-skirts, please) gin and whisky still cost less than here, but "hospital facilities appear to be a major blot?" on the local wela major blot" on the local wel-

But, still talking of welfare states, by far the most depress-ing portrait of a country painted by the society's correspondents is that to be found in the "Notes for Newcomers

to Great Britain". The very first sentence says "There is a nationwide shortage of accommodation in Britain; the situation is acute in London." Food, newcomers are warned,

is not cheap and costs rise daily. There is no clothing that is particularly cheap. while the cost of heat and light "rising all the time. On this evidence alone it would seem that the members of the Women's Corona Society will be busy as psychological outfitters to departing British

wives for some time to come.

The Corona ladies in London run a Tuesday conversation circle for foreign wives, at one of which a Mrs Inusuka from lanan opined with the punctili ous courtesy of her race that "the English" were very hard workers, but "sometimes I hear

Securicor

CONTINUED PROGRESS

SECURICOR GROUP LTD. SECURITY SERVICES LTD. Results for the 53 weeks ended October 1, 1976 1975 GROUPTURNOVER 81,806 61,554 79,261 61,227 NET PROFIT BEFORE TAX Finance Division 738 660 250 241 2,336 1,328 1,205 NET PROFIT AFTER TAX 1,399 1,008 Due to outside shareholders 1,001 6·5p 1,170 834 717 5-7p 7-6p **EARNINGS PER SHARE** 6.7p 0-8567p 0.7788p 1-1833p 1-0757p Final dividend recommended Total dividends for year 1-1221p 1.6186p

With advances of 32% in profit and 29% in tornover by the security division, Securicor has more than kept pace with inflation. Major services in the UK and overseas have continued to show substantial growth with an accompanying improvement in profitability. With the help of maintained margins on a larger volume of business, we have been able to improve our net asset position and our

> -PETER SMITH Chairman

Stock markets

finally sent sharply lower by disappointment at the rise in

last month's wholesale prices

Earlier, a nervous start had

been replaced by small gains as interest-rate hopes had stimula-

ted a little interest. By 2 pm, the FT Index was 0.4 ahead,

but between then and the close

Baker Perkins' financial year

ends next month and so far it

Dealers said there was little weight of selling but the con-cern over wholesale prices and

their implication for inflation over the next few months

brought a widespread mark-down, especially among the industrial leaders.

Gilt-edged stocks were also

unsettled, particularly at the long end, where many issues closed with losses of up to five-

bank as an associate and a dwindling interest in

property—Hume Holdings is

on the way to a useful increase in distributable revenue this

But the credit is going so far to a fall in tax. In the half

year to December 31 net revenue just about marked time at £753,315, associates brought in a bit less at £129,083. It was a drop in tax from £423,890 to £328,922 that belved net revenue up from

trum £42,550 to £325,22 that helped net revenue up from £341,238 to £426,346. Diluted earnings rose from 2.45p to 2.82p but once again

the interim dividend is 0.975p

net or 6 per cent gross. Net assets diluted with fixed interest capital valued at par rose from 68.6p to 70.5p. But by February 3 the diluted asset value had gone up to

Since last December Hume

has sold its shares in two

jointly owned property com-panies, Stephen Court and Har-court House. The proceeds showed a surplus of ground £244,000 over December's net

asset value. There should be no United Kingdom gains tax, and the money should produce an "appreciable" increase in

Leslie and Godwin (Holdings),

In his annual statement Mr

David Donne, chairman, says that he looks forward to the current year with confidence.

already started the current year with a record order book.

At the annual meeting of M. J. Gleeson (Contractors), Mr J. P. Gleeson, the chairman, told

shareholders that among recent

in a good position to take full

M J Gleeson

international insurance

Leslie & Godwin's

deal with Suits

net revenue.

year to June 30.

Hume's property sales

An investment trust with a less, we will continue to difference—it has a secondary research overseas markets for

to boost net revenue

day of 6.3.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

point rises to end at around

overnight levels, or a little

were recorded by the "blue

chips" where the late decline left Unilever 8p lower at 430p,

Glaxe 7p to 450p, Fisons 7p to

328p, ICI 6p to 345p and

After the recent figures, BAT

Industries lost 5p to 255p and

Imperial Group, ahead of figures, were a point easier at 741p. Most are looking for

profits in the £125m to £130m

In the engineering sector, Hawker Siddeley tumbled 6p to 498p, but both John Brown 3p to 157p and Weir Group 12p to

80p were wanted after news

orders. Persistent talk of a

rights issue lowered P & O from its year's "high", with a loss of 3p to 135p. But there

was a firm spot to be found in shippings with Ocean up 3p to

Moore Corporation's minority

81p, while London Electric Trust spurted 23p to 98p on terms from Guinness Peat, which gave up 10p for a close

Desoutter rose 9p to 146p on wither speculative interest,

while others to go ahead for the same reason were Corin-

more work lest the recovery at home is delayed longer than we would wish."

Blackman makes

up some leeway

disappointment

Beecham 4p to 412p.

range.

of 158p.

further

Job prospects remain bleak

prospects for the coming sion. In its annual economic the German measures, begin to months painted by the profes- report the basic values for bice. The picture of the economic sional forecasters is gloomy; it 1977 read as follows: real is not completely black but growth—5 per cent; there is little light, at least as inflation—below 4 nor contact for as Europe is concerned.

Basically the forecasters are in agreement that economic progress in the coming year will be slower than in 1976and that was anything but a boom year, Unemployment will remain the chief problem. A real Community growth rate of 3 per cent, as predicted by the European Commission in Brussels, will not be sufficient to reduce the number of unemployed.

Present economic forcesinvestment—are too weak to sustain or boost cost DM10,000m to DM12,000m the upturn which started last and cover a period of four year. The reasons for this are years. the lower growth rate in world trade, the slowdown in the rate of increase of private and public consumption and the fact that stocks have now been replenished.

Considerable impetus for growth was provided last year just by the rebuilding of just by the rebuilding of stocks. This impetus is now stocks. lacking.

the Community the position is becoming more difficult as the differences from country to country become

Thus, the experts in Brussels forecast a real growth rate of 4 per cent for West Germany but only 0.5 per cent for Italy. In the case of inflation, the rate ranges from 4 per cent for Germany to 20 per cent for

West Germany Federal Economics is more optimistic

unemployment—a reduction from 4.6 per cent to less than

4 per cent. These values are more or less the same as the predictions of the German Institute for Economic Research in Berlin (see table). According to these figures, unemployment will remain high.

The government attaches great importance to the pro-gramme of public investment, a decision on which is due to be taken in the coming weeks. The programme is expected to

Italy

in Rome is faced with the task of dealing with the dilemma its external front. For balance of payments reasons the Government is aiming for zero growth. Purchasing power is to be soaked up in tax rises. At the moment grop, and with it the foreign trade deficit, is

still rising.
Only if runaway inflation can be brought under control will the numerous export pro-motion measures begin to pay off. The Government will, if necessary, permit short-time working to increase. Unemployment is currently standing at around 740,000.

The European economy could profit from the measures taken by the American and Japanese governments to stim-ulate their countries econo-mies. But it will be some time

before those programmes, or

Britain

The Treasury's belief that the economy will grow by 22 per cent in 1977 is not shared by other forecasters. In the opinion of the latter, growth will probably remain distinctly below 2 per cent.

If this is the case, the

has gone excellently. In the first-half, pre-tax profits were £3.3m and the signs point to at number of unemployed, now at a postwar record 1,400,000, is unlikely to come down. In spite of this, the rate of inflaleast £7.2m for the year with some hoping for £7.75m. Tax should be light. Stocks are tailored to contracts as they (over 15 per cent) is are done, so CCA accounting should not be too punishing. more likely to rise than to fail. After the latest loans the But, at 71p, the shares are now expected deficit on current yielding less than 8 per cent. account is already covered. For the second half of the year it lost almost six points, to close at 397.5, a drop on the there is a prospect of a lasting surplus on foreign trade.

France

Both the Banque de France soch the Banque de France and the National Statistics Institute (INSEE) look forward, in their latest economic reports covering the spring period, to the present rate of employment being maintained. A month ago both institutions were very much more pessimis-tic in their projections. On the other hand, the Chamber of Industry and Com-

merce in Paris expects a higher number of unemployed on average than in 1976.

Because of the bulge in the birthrate which is now reflected in the numbers seeking jobs for the first time, the French economy would have to grow by 6 to 7 per cent to prevent unemployment increas ing further.

Hans-Jürgen Mahnke

	W Germany (1)	France (2)	Britein (3)	Itafy (4)	Japan (5)	US (6)
		1=1	(0)	(7)	(0)	(0)
Gross national product (chan		_				
compared with previous year		8	2.2	-0.5	6.7	4.2 8.9
Private consumption	4.5	-	_	-0.25	13.7	8.9
investment in plant and						
equipment	8.0	_	1.8	-4.75	12.2	11.9
Exports	9.5	8	8.3	+7.25	11.9	_
Imports	9	5	4.2	-1.25	16.1	_
Consumer price index	Ä	9.5	15	+20.5	7.7	4.0
Wages	approx 7		_	+24.0		_
Unemployed (in 1,000s)	900	1000	_		1200-1800	_

Income before extraordinary

before extraordinary loss, is 33

cents, compared with 47 cents.

Standing by its prediction of record results for the full year, Lend Lease Corporation, the Australian property giant, re-

ports six months pre-tax results 18.5 per cent up at \$A9.96m. Interest charges fell 36 per cent. Audited operating profits

for the half year to December, 1976, totalled \$A5.65m against \$A4.73m but turnover fell to \$A121m from \$A130m. An interim dividend of 6.25 cents

has again been declared.

Anglo Argentine

The Anglo Argentine Tram-

ways Company has now received an authority from the Bank of England for the proceeds of the

Argentine Government capital bills paid during 1977 to be

treated as investment currency.

currency premium received from the bills which matured

on January 1, 1977, will enable

a special interest payment to be made of 1½ per cent of the principal monies outstanding on the First Debenture Stock at the date of the Scheme of Arrangement approved on May 12, 1967.

Amax Inc has reported 1976

unaudited record net earnings

of \$150.1m. Net earnings in 1975 were \$134.4m, including a \$5.3m gain from the sale of the

company's interest in Minera Frisco, SA.

Sales for 1976 increased to

A record 1976

for Amax Inc

The amount of the investment

Tramways

No stopping

Lend Lease

Seconomic Observation Centre of the Chamber of Industry, and Commerce, Parle (December Centre of the Chamber of Industry, and Commerce, Parle (December), ORGO (December).

Government Economic Planning Agency (January); oovers fiscal year March 30 to April 1, Manufacturers Hanover Trust (December).

No information swallable.

American Brands hit by currency changes

Though the 1976 operating There were no extra ordinary income of American Brands in items a year earlier. 1976 was the best yet, foreign currency adjustments pulled down net profit. AB is the parent of British group Gallahar. \$4,211,000. Income per common and common equivalent share, before extraordinary loss, is 36 cents, down from 59 cents. Fully-diluted income per share,

Turnover rose from \$4,055.3m to \$4,125.8m and operating profits from \$373.6m to \$376.7m.

profits from \$575.0m to \$576.7m.
Domestic tobacco and domestic
non-tobacco activities were at
new records, up 5.2 and 23.8 per
cent respectively.

But net profit slipped from
\$148.5m to \$121.9m after currency adjustments of \$44.6m
against \$5.9m. Excluding these,
profits would have risen from profits would have risen from \$154.5m to \$166.6m,

However, the better opera-ting profit and a strong

Overseas

cashflow mean an increase in the quarterly dividend on the Mr Gerardus Dusseldorp, chairman, comments: "Profit-able new business is progres-sively harder to obtain but we common stock from 70 to 73 cents, payable on March 1. This hoists the annual rate from \$2.8 remain cautiously confident that this trend may continue to be countered by increased effort and efficiency."

Tobacco operations in the United States brought in \$206.1m against \$159.9m of operating profits. But those from international tobacco businesses, chiefly Gallaher, when translated into United States currency, fell from S64.8m to \$46m. By contrast, the non-tobacco interests saw their profit go up from \$112.9m to \$124.5m.

Rothmans (Australia)

recovers from slump Sydney, Feb 7.—In the half-year to December 31 last, net-profits of Rothmans of Pail Mall (Australia) rose from \$A1.96m to \$A2.17m, and gross revenue climbed from \$A123.74m to \$A130.21m. An unchanged interim divi-dend of nine cents a share is, however, declared. Rothmans reports that the market is now reports that the market is now showing signs of recovery from the steep increase in excise duty and state tobacco taxes in the first half of the year before.—Reuter,

Zapata first quarter

Houston, Texas.—Zapata Cor-poration reports net income of \$2,214,000 for the three months ended December 31, 1976, compared with \$4,211,000 for the

year-earlier period.
Net income per common and
common equivalent share was 31 cents for the first quarter, down from 59 cents. Fully-dilued income per share was 29 dilged income per share was 29 cents, compared with 47 cents.

Revenues totalled \$95,053,000, up from \$80,291,000.

Net income includes an extramon share in 1976 were \$4.34 on 31.7m average shares out standing. Earnings per common share in 1975 were \$4.43

ordinary loss of \$337,000 as a on 28.4m average primary result of the exchange of Zapata debentures for the outstanding debentures and common stock of Zapata Explora-

LEIGH MILLS

i further improvement.

A. G. BARR
Chairman in annual statement says that sales so far this year show a reasonable increase though the recent severe weather has posed abnormal distribution problems as well as affecting consumer demand.

GREYHOUND SECURITIES A London investment company, Greyhound Securities, was compulsorily wound-up in the High Court with debts of more than £m. The petitioners were First National Finance Corporation, a creditor for £3.1im supported by the Inland Personne

goes up from 4.61p to 6.16p. MCLEOD-CHURCHBURY MCLEOB RUSSEI Sold 1,000 shares in Churchbury Estates on February 1, reducing holding to 264,000 shares (16.5 per cent).

EARCLAYS INTERNATIONAL

Barclays Bank International will open branches in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen later this year. The new branches will be mainly concerned with international and corporate business, ASSOC ENGINEERING On Friday, Smith Keen Cufler sold 15,000 shares in Associated Engineering at 94p for an associate of Serck.

Group is convening meeting on March 14 to consider repaying outstanding film nominal of 11 per cent debenture stock, 1990-95, at £90 per cent, and accined interests. interest. UC INVESTMENTS

This special interest payment of 14 per cent will be made on March 1, 1977, to those persons on record as First Debenture Stockholders on February 4, Pre-tax profits of UC Invest-ments, part of the Union Cor-poration group, fell from R7.25m in 1975 to R6.34m in the year to December 31. Final dividend cut from 25 cents a share to 20 cents making total for last year 30 cents against 36 cents.

Dearer nickel helps INCO

INCO, the world's largest nickel producer, maintained its improving quarterly profit trend in the final three months of last year, helped by a price increase. It made net earnings of \$C60.9m, compared with \$C35.7m,

tion Company, a subsidiary. \$1,170m from \$962m in 1975, dividend has been declared.

WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE William Sommerville and Son reports that conditions were "very uncertain" in half-year to November 30, but group made pre-tax profit of \$44,000. Gross interin raymans half as 0.72

Turnover for half-year to October 31, £1.37m (£1.38m). Pre-tax profits up from £25,000 to £89,000. Board expects second half to show

WESTERN CANADA In the half-year to December 31. gross revenue of Western Canada Investment rose from £57,000 to £55,000. Gross interim

ciate of Serck.

LAMPA SECURITIES

ord). LESNEY PRODUCTS

Earnings for the full year rose slightly from \$C186.9m to \$C196.8m net. Last year saw a substantial increase in earnings from subsidiary ESB. A maintained 35 cents a share

Briefly

broking group, is proposing to buy for shares, J. and W. Mc-Lellan, a subsidiary of Scottish

INT INVESTMENT TRUST

Profit (after tax) of International investment Trust of Jersey rose from £38,000 to £78,000 in 1976. Dividend up from 3p (adjusted for scrip issue) to 3.5p. and Universal Investment Trust.
As a result of the share exchange, one third of the capital of Leslie and Godwin (Scotland) would be owned by Suits. Pre-tax profits of Mc-Lelian for the mine months to December 31, 1975, were £22,000.

Fluidrive poised to go higher yet Another year of record profits is expected from Fluidrive Engineering, which manufactures fluid couplings for power transmission systems in

"Given anything approaching normal trading conditions", he says, "I expect to be able to report 1977 as being yet another record year." The company has already expected the

Lampa Securities (in voluntary liquidation) reports that QST Industrial Trust has disposed of its holding in Lampa (410,000

But the bid price of £34.93,

Trust, confirms that Argo has no action yet.

With pre-tax profits recovering at half-time from £307,000 to £410,000, Blackman & Conrad in the first 12 months to September 30, of its extended 16- months' period made up some of the lecway lost in 1974-

The maker of children's wear and ladies dresses reports pre-tax profits up from £617,000 to £670,000 and turnover climbed from £8.62m to £11.1m. The year before profits dipped from £765,000.

An interim dividend of 1.375p net was paid on September 27.
A final dividend will be recommended when the 16-months results to January 31

Mr David Alderman, chairman, looked to growth in 1976-77 mainly from internal expansion and exports. The £2.5m turnover increase in the latest 12 months enabled the group to absorb heavier costs without affecting profits and competi-

help Bank Bridge

Though turnover dropped from £5.34m to £4.68m in the half-year to September 30, Bank Bridge Group managed to make pre-tax profits of £199,000, Last time they were only £35,000. In fact, it made losses of £40,000, against £53,000 in the full year before. But the group's share of associates' profits more than doubled this time round to £239,000 and minorities disappeared. However, there is again no interim dividend.

Raleigh sees £14m toy sales this year

increased across-the-range demand from United Kingdom and overseas buyers at the recent British International Toy Fair and expected retail sales of £14m this year are reported by Raleigh Industries toy divi-

Mr Clive Hill, divisional manager, said orders at the International Fair at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham were up on those received at last year's fair at Brighton. Since entering the toy market 12 years ago with a modest range of tricycles, Not-tingham-based Raleigh claims to have become Europe's largest manufacturer of wheeled-activity toys. It now has a range of more than 80 models.

JF Nash Secs

orders placed with the group were two large, but keenly-priced, motorway contracts. "Thus, the position of the order J. F. Nash Securities has become "much stronger" as a book has significantly improved in the last month or two, and we now expect to maintain present turnover levels during the result of its activities in the past 12 months and the chairman, Mr J. F. Nash, writing in his amual statement, expects remaining months of the current financial year.

"Having regard to our healthy balance sheet, we are this progress to continue. He feels it is reasonable to expect that profits for the current year as a whole will "not be less" than for the advantage of any upturn in our industry's prospects. Neverthe- previous year,

Finely pitched Argo bid for Hudson convertible

The 25p a share bid for been steadily increasing its Williams Hudson by Mr David stake in Williams Hudson since Rowland's Argo Group is being the bid was announced at the extended to include the company's £1.0m of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1990/95.

The bid was announced at the end of December. It now holds 64.8 per cent.

Argo says that it is its intention to "continue the existing"

tion to "continue the existing business" of Williams Hudson. equal to the terms on which the stock could now be converted into ordinary shares, is significantly lower than the recent market price for the directors of Williams Hudson stock of £45. The bid has been not connected with Argo says made to meet Takeover Code that Deloitte have not yet had time to complete all the inquir-

requirements.

The offer document, put out ies necessary. They therefore for Argo by Standard Industrial recommend shareholders to take others.

up at 149p, but at the other end of the scale, United Biscuits went against the trend, in particular Willis Faber up 7p to 223p, Sedgwick Forbes 3p to 243p, Minet 2p to 152p and Alexander Howden 2p to 141p.

The shares of London taxicab specialist, Mann & Overton, have spurted 8p to 70p in a week ahead of today's full-year figures. A "significant" imat 128p among the insurance companies, but Sun Alliance suffered an 8p drop at 400p. In a mixed property sector, provement on last year's E531,000 has already been forecast. So the interest lies in some clarification of the future both Allnatt 138p and Chesterrelationship with Winn In-dustries whose stake has field ended the session two points better, but a denial that recently moved up from 18 to London Shop Property had sold its stake in Beaumont Properties left both shares unmoved

suffered a sharp 5p loss at 146p. Oils were hit by a late decline with the exception of Tricentrol. u panother 5p to 133p. BP lost of to 930p and Shell op to 520p, but there was another firm spot to be found in Attock with a gain of 2p to 62p. Press comment was good for rises in Vantona 3p to 94p, Westland 2p to 63p, Ash & Lacy 3p to 115p and Burton "A" 4p to 61p. Another menswear group, Hepworth was also firm in stores and the "A" shares closed 2p up to 42p.

Francis with a jump of 6p to

In foods, Wheatsheaf were 2p

Rally peters out on new inflation fears

In the financial sector, some unfavourable comment left discounters heavily down with

Confident Securicor recovers its poise profits were £670,000 ahead at £2.77m. The main thrust came

Industrial security specialists Securicor, and its 52 per cent own subsidiary, Security Services, has recovered its equilibrium after the hard going in

One-fifth ahead at £1.56m in the first half-year, pre-tax pro-fits gathered speed slightly to 30 per cent in the second, to leave profits for the year to October 1 last 5750,000 up at

1974-75.

Moreover, any concern that the domestic security business was becoming saturated is eased by the fact that of the 33 per cent sales gain to £81.8m only a third was due to price in-creases. The group deciding to forgo its usual second price rise during the year. Thanks to strong cash balances which grew to almost

rent year. There was a 7½ per cent price increase last September though £5m during the year and a maiden contribution of \$25,000 from the Ford dealership acquicost pressures remain. sition, finance division profits were a tenth higher at £738,000.
On the security side, pre-tax yield on the strongly covered dividend is low.

New scheme for Graff minority A fresh plan has been agreed

to replace the compulsory acquisition scheme at 28p a share by Sandstar, Mr Laurence Graif's private company, of the minority holdings in Graff Diamonds, of which Mr Graff is

chairman.
Instead there will be an unconditional undertaking by Sandstar to buy on equivalent terms for a 21-day period any terms for a 21-day period any shares which holders wish to sell. This means that holders who have indicated that they want to keep their shares can do so without prejudice to the majority who supported the original scheme.

Half-time fall at Vibroplant

Sadly, the warning from the chairman of Vibroplant Holdings, Mr G. B. Pilkington, in the last annual report was well judged. urnover rose from £2.82m to

from the newly-instituted par-

cel-carrying service whose con-

tribution to turnover is now up to 26 per cent with a rather higher profits contribution.

ports a strong start to the cur-

The shares duly rose but the

In the current year, Securicor

Turnover rose from £2.82m to £3.08m in the six months to September 30 but pre-tax profits fell from £914,000 to £865,000.

In the year to March 31, 1976, pre-tax profits edged forward from £1.72m to a record £1.75m.

However, shareholders were told that 1976-77 would be a "very difficult year" thanks to recession and Government spending cuts. Even so, the tgross interim dividend is 5.5p again.

After trading indecisively for eighths. "Shorts" and "medithian Holdings 6p to 14p, Union 315p and Allen Harvey most of the day, equities were ums gave up early quarter. Rakusen 1p to 13p and Willows & Ross 400p, both 15p lower, finally sept sharply lower by country to the condition of the day of the condition of the day of the condition of the & Ross 400p, both 15p lower, Cater Ryder 8p off at 242p and Included among c reporting figures wer cor and Security Serv. Gillett Brothers 7p down to 2p better at 56p, Bla Conrad which ended

But, for the reverse reason, some of the insurance brokers at 37p and Vibropia Britannic was 2p to the good

Equity turnover on F was £82.09m (19,799 Active stocks yesterda ing to Exchange 1 were BP, Burmah, S BAT Drd, Lonrho, R O, Reed, Marks & Spe centrol, Serck, BAT I GEC, LRC Internatiat 47p and 62p respectively.

Latest dividends

Company
(and par value)
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Edinburgh Inv (£1) Sec Int
Hume Holdings (25p) Int
0.97
Int Trust Jersey (£1) Fin
Malaysia Rbr (10p) Int
0.19
Olympia (Redacre) (20p) Fin 1.4
Wm Sommerville (25p) Int
0.5
Securicor (25p) Fin
0.85*
Security Services (25p) Fin
1.13*
U.C. Investments (R1) Fin
Vibroplant (25p) Int
Vibroplant (25p) Int
Ustrn Canada Inv (25p) Int
Dividends in this table are shown in

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per a where in Business News dividends are shown on a gross establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * On incres: † Adjusted for scrip issue. ‡ Cents a share.

Guinness Pe in agreed bi for L Electri

By Christopher Wilki Guinness Peat yest veiled the terms of bid for London Elec General Trust Bu Kingdom Provident, w 11.3 per cent of LE is believed to have m approach, declined to on whether it would i

is stressing European operations where start-up losses last year pushed up the tax charge to 60 per cent and kept the rise in of its own shares and cash for every 100 which, with Guinness earnings a share to only 1p at 170p ahead of the t LE> at 109p a sh The group is also looking at further ways of grafting fresh services on to its mainstream security business. ever, Guinness Pear fell to 15%p yesterday, price LE> is v

Meanwhile, the group, while laying the ghost of those old rumours of buying out the minority in Security Services re-1024p.
There is also a ca writing arrangement Grinness Peat share under the offer at 150 lent to a cash offer for of 98p a share. Bids being made for LE&G

lative preference sha: The directors of LE are not also dire Guinness Peat (which its merchent banking a Guinness Manon, ma trust), have been ac

Schröder Wagg, and terms are "fair an able". They Teconomené: holders to accept the

say they intend ! themselves. At the end of Ja estimated net LE>, after deduction loan and prior charges value was 103.50. pares with an asset 93.5p after deducti charges at par contin tax liability and i currency premium

that its profits for th

Men who 'pop up out of holes it the ground' to harass the LME

organization, Mr I. E. J. Foster, vice-chairman of the committee of the London Metal Exchange, said at an LME centenary forum in New York last week:-

"We may be considered oldfashioned on the LME, but we do hold a passionate belief in the sanctity of contract, and this is something which, over recent years, seems to have become rather less highly-prized by many who ought to know

The trouble was that a lot of very well-intentioned but not very well informed outsiders just could not see the wood for the trees. They gave themselves sleepless nights, and the LME headaches, by repeated at-tempts, either by persuasion or by muscle-flexing, to over-regulate the LME.

"They do not see that by doing this they run the risk of stifling the only world-wide and completely neutral forum for pricing and trading in some of the world's most vital raw materials, and these bodies (busybodies or eager beavers) seem to keep on popping-up out of holes in the ground." Mr Foster said that "regula-

tion" was very much the in-word at this moment. "Though it would be silly to deny that a tiny majority of cases do occur in which somebody could claim to have been badly treated. I must emphasize that the LME is properly proud of its high reputation for fair dealing and for flexibility."

Another of the LME's sources of strength was the

extent to which it was inter- still there doing its job of pronational in its membership, which gave it a broader out-look than might otherwise be the case. This also gave the Exchange a truly worldwide communications and information "net", not only in the context of the five metals traded there, but for many

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traded on the LME was the difficulty in getting at a suffi-ciently standardized contract All this had tende Another reason, particularly

in the case of aluminium, was the outside bodies he had menthe outside bodies he had mentioned. "Aluminium is a bit of a political animal and it seems there are some pretry influential groups (at government as well as at industry level) who make it their business to see that a free market in this important metal does not happen."

The outside bodies he had mentioned broker or merchant.

"This is a pity in the indication of the

It was useful and heloful to take every opportunity to dis-cuss the LME with experts in their field anywhere in the world and it was important to be in touch and on good terms with those who ran or made use of any other market.

use of any other market.

Indulging in "a little bit of crystal gazing". Mr Foster said that in a hundred years' time the LME would still be serving the industry; but would have taken on a very different form from that to which all had grown accustomed.

There was also the possibility that it might not be located in London and that it might no longer be quoting its always be the bona f

might no longer be quoting its always be the bona f prices in pounds sterling. But these were only details and not the main point. "What matters is not where the LME may be located or whether it quoces in dollars, IMF units of account or in

brass buttons, but that it is

viding a pricing, bedging and investment medium for all who care—and may I suggest should—make use of it." Looking at some of the more likely developments over the medium term, there was the increasing polarization of the metals world—indeed, the metals world-indeed, the whole world of basic commodiand the fabricators sumption; the wester racies and the Comer. the rich countries and countries "and do s that not all the countries are rich, n

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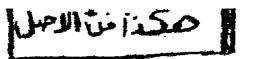
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THE FINANCE FOR INDUSTRY LIMITED

copy of this Prospectus, having attached thereto the documents specified below, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the £50,000,000 14 per cent, Unsecured own Stock 1983 ("the Stock") of Finance for Industry Limited ("the Company") now being issued to be admitted to the Official List. The application list for the Stock now being issued will be opened at 10 a.m. on Friday, 11th February 1977 and will be closed at any time thereafter on that day. The Stock qualifies as a trustee investment under the terms of Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1951. Transfers of the Stock will be registrated free of charge. This Prosportus particulars given in compliance with the Regulations of the Council of the Stock will be registrated accept full responsibility for the course of the information given and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any sistement herein misleading.

Issue of

£50,000,000 14 percent. Unsecured Loan Stock 1983 of Finance for Industry Limited at £99.50 per centum

ayable as follows:

On application On 14th March 1977 On 3rd May 1977

per centum £30.00 per centum £59,50 per centum £99.50

Gross redemption yield: £14.12 per cent.

Interest will be paid half-yearly on 20th June and 20th December.

ne Stock will be guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation Limited ("ICFC") and nance Corporation for Industry Limited ("FCI"), both wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company.

HE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive applications for the Stock, the issue of which as authorised by a resolution of a Committee of the Directors of the Company passed on 7th February 1977.

per centum

At the same date the FFI group had contingent fiabilities totalling £16,932,016, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL cluding £16,245,026 relating to the guarantee of recourse agreements and loans, and FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED and outstanding acceptances on behalf of customers totalling £378,769.

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT following is a copy of a Report received from Whinney Murray & hartered Accountants, the Auditors and Reporting Accountants: 57 Chiswell Street. London, EC1Y 4SY. 7th February 1977.

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have examined the consolidated accounts of Finance for Industry d (FFI) and its consolidated subsidiaries for the period ended March 1974 and the two years ended 31st March 1975 and 1976 te consolidated accounts of Industrial and Commercial Finance ration Limited (ICFC) and its consolidated subsidiaries for the ears ended 31st March 1972 and 1973 and the consolidated :e sheet of ICFC and its consolidated subsidiaries at 31st March these accounts include accounts of subsidiaries and associated anies audited by other auditors. We have also examined the nts of Finance Corporation for Industry Limited (FCI) for the bars ended 31st March 1972 and 1973 and the balance sheet of 31st March 1971 which were audited by other auditors. FFI and isolidated subsidiaries are hereinafter referred to collectively as *FI group" and ICFC and its consolidated subsidiaries are after referred to collectively as the "ICFC group".

statements of profit and the balance sheets hereinafter set out sed on the audited accounts after making such adjustments as risider appropriate. In our opinion these statements and balanca . Which have been prepared on the historic cost convention er with the notes thereon, give, so far as is practicable in view of ering accounting dates of some industrial subsidiaries, a true and IW of the results of the FFI group, the ICFC group and FCI tively for the relevant periods and of the state of affairs of the Sup. FFI. the ICFC group and FCI respectively on the relevant

ave acted as auditors of FFI since 1st November 1973, its date of pration, of ICFC since its incorporation on 20th July 1945, and for the year ended 31st March 1976.

DOR as follows: SIS OF ACCOUNTS OF FFI

was acquired by FFI on 30th November 1973 on a share ige basis. FCI was acquired on the same date for a cash eration. The whole of the retained surplus of the ICFC group, ng that attributable to financial associated companies, has re been regarded as available for distribution by FFI, while the of FCI are only so regarded as from 30th November 1973. In of the period ended 31st March 1974, therefore, the profits of ave been brought in for a whole year, while the reserves of ICFC st April 1973 have been treated as the opening reserves of the up: the profits of FCI are included only as from 30th November

se circumstances the profits of the ICFC group and the FF! are combined in one statement in section 3(a) below, while f-FCI for the two years ended 31st March 1972 and 1973 are set

:OUNTING POLICIES rincipal accounting policies adopted by the FFI group for the tion of its annual accounts, and previously used by the ICFC nd FCI where applicable, are :

e consolidated accounts deal with the state of affairs and results of FFI and res bediance for the period ended 31st March 1974 and the two years ended st March 1975 and 1976, and previously of ICFC and its subsidiance. In spect of each of the two years ended 31st March 1975 and 1976 the resur-so id assets of certain subsidiary companies whose business is of an industrial nture (industrial subsidiaries), which were previously excluded, have been cluded in the consolidated accounts. The results and assets of the subsidiaries hich provide financial and related services (financial subsidiaries) have been recompany marked since tested expects through the second consolidated in all the relevant periods. Having regard to the widely diverse item of the businesses carried on by the industrial subcidence then aggregate olits and not assets have been incorporated as a single amount in the conditated profit statement and consolidated balance sheet respectively; eviously the Department of Trade exampted FFI and ICFC, so far as these mpanies were concerned, from compliance with the provisions of section 150 the Companies Act 1948 with respect to the submission of group accounts

Included in the figure above for Unsecured Bank Leans of other FFI group companies is an amount of £4,618,439, owing by ICFC to European Investment Bank ("EIB"), under the terms of Finance Contracts dated 18th July 1973 and 28th November 1974. Of this amount C3,096,657 represents foreign currencies converted at the rates of exchange ruling on 12th January 1977. These funds have been used for financing projects in Development Areas. Under the terms of Trust Deeds dated 18th July 1973 and 28th November 1974 supplemental to the Finance Contracts referred to above ICFC holds the accurities dumn by customers for such finance in trust for EIB.

Under an Agreement dated 4th August 1978 (Contract (7) below) the Company has accepted from The European Coal and Steel Community ("ECSC") an unsecured loan facility not exceeding £10 million in sterling or its equivalent in other currencies which will be available for drawing until 31st December 1978. This facility, the litra tranche of which, amounting to £2,786,000 in sterling, has been received by the Company, must be used for onward lending to small and medium-sized enterprises in the United Kingdom to finance investment projects approved by ECSC designed to establish new or extend existing businesses capable of assuring the productive resembleoment of redundant steel workers and coal miness. The amount owing by the Company to ECSC at 12th January 1977 is included in the figure £28,188,655) for Other Deposits of the Company repayable after 5 years.

Save as aforesaid and except for intra-group borrowings and guarantees, none of the companies in the FFI group had outstanding at 12th January 1977 any borrowings including bank overdrafts and flabilities under acceptances (other than normal trad-bilis) or acceptance credits, his purchase commitments, or (other than in the ordinary course of business) any guarantees or other material contingent flabilities.

HISTORY AND BUSINESS

FINANCE FOR INDUSTRY LIMITED

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The Company was incorporated in England on 1st November 1973 as a public company. On 30th November 1973, pursuant to an offer made on 7th November 1973, the Company acquired the whole of the issued share capital of FCI for cash and on the same day it acquired the whole of the issued share capital of ICFC by way of an exchange of shares. The Company now acts as the holding company for ICFC and On 12th November 1974, the Bank of England and the London and

Scottish Clearing banks, the Company's shareholders, announced that they had made arrangements in co-operation with a range of other financial institutions to expand the Company's capacity to provide, principally through FCI, medium term finance for investment by British industry. The shareholders stated that they would provide £85 million of new share capital as necessary to enable the Company to remain within the borrowing powers under its Articles of Association. in pursuance of these arrangements, the Company lasued, in February 1975, £75,000,000 13 per cent. Unsecured Loan Stock 1981 and, in March 1975, the shareholders subscribed for 25 million new £1

shares in cash at par, in addition, the shareholders agreed (Contract (3)) below) to make available to the Company standby facilities currently totalling £400 million. Of these facilities, £300 million is available to support the provision of funds for the Company's medium term variable rate lending and the balance is available to support short term borrowing by the Company necessary to finance the provision of fixed rate facilities to customers pending appropriate arrangements being made for further issues of loan and share capital.

racing such companies and from the obligations laid down in paragraph.

A of Part II of the Fighth Schedule to that Act. Two industrial subsidiaries. embracing such companies and from the obligations laid down in paragraph 15(4) of Part II of the Eighth Schedule to that Act. Two industrial subsidiaries made up their consolidated accounts to 31 at December and one to 31st January. Three other industrial subsidiaries have not been consolidated since the Directors consider the result would be of no reel value in view of the insignificant

Associated companies sociated companies

Companies whose business is financial in nature and in which the FFI group has both management involvement and more than 20 per cent, of the equity are treated as financial associated companies (financial

essociates).

(ii) In respect of each of the two years ended 31st March 1875 and 1876 companies whose business is of an industrial nature and in which the FFI group has both management involvement and more than 20 per cent. of the equity are treated as industrial associated companies (industrial associates) livestments in industrial associates are written down on acquisition to attributable net tangible assets and the attributable post-acquisition reserves or losses are added to or deduced from the book amount of the investment. Any further provisions necessary to write down the investments to estimated realisable value are charged against attributable profits.

Charter hire of ships, rest of plant and equipment and freehold and leasehold property, depreciation and grants receivable me from leasing transactions is taken to revenue as it accrues. Depreciation is generally calculated on a straight lina basis over the period of the charter, lease or ostimated life of the building, regional and other grants receivable being

All plant purchase instalments received are treated as repayments of capital until they exceed the sum advanced; subsequent instalments received are

Provisions and realizations
(1) Years ended 31st March 1975 and 1976
(I) Provisions against loss arising from doubdulinvestments
In respect of investments and financial facilities exceeding £500,000 sceeding provisions are maintained by a charge against revenue to take actount of possible loss. For investments and financial facilities not specifically provided against a general provision is maintained by an annual charge against revenue of 0.6 per cent, of average investments and financial facilities outstanding during the year. The balance of the provision is appraised annually and any material addition required is charged against revenue and any sumbus released.
(ii) Provisions in respect of companies in liquidation or receivership in the year ended 31st March 1976 specific provisions have been created in respect of investments in companies in liquidation or receivership by transfer of an amount of £5,355,000 from the general provision.
(iii) Provisions for diministrian in value

In respect of irredeemable share investments, development sites and property, effer taking account of the amounts arrived at under (i), further specific provision is made where necessary to write down to the lower of book amount and estimated realisable value at the year end. In the year ended 31st March 1975 listed equity investments, irredeemable preference shares, development sites and properties were valued in groups for this purpose but for the year to 31st March 1976 investments in these categories have been considered individually. This change has increased the charge against revenue for the year by 54,975,000. Unlisted equity

continue to be valued as a group. Realised profits are created to revenue and realised losses are charged against the gareral provision, except that in the year ended 31st March 1976 trailised losses relating to an item in a category against which specific provisions are mentialned are also charged to revenue, to the extent that they exceed such specific provisions. (2) Years and od 31st March 1972 and 1973 and period ended 31st March 1974:

A general proces of twest maintained and the charge against revenue consisted of the aggregate of (a) 3 per cent, of the five year average of net new investment and (b) the average of the realised losses of the previous five years; in audition specific provisions were maintained to take account of any diministion in value of industrial subsidieries.

(3) Years ended 31st March 1972 and 1973 and period ended 31st March 1974; and

Specific profisions were made, where appropriate, against individual loans, Deferred taxation represents mainly the proportion, considered to be applicable

to future hung periods, of tax relief on capital allowances in respect of plant and equipment leased to customers and ships under charter. As at 31st March 1970 deferred taxation was calculated substantially at 45 per cent.; since that date the defenal method has been used.

(a) Foreign comencies Salunces in foreign comencies have been converted at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date.

(h) Industrial subsidiar es These have been valued at cost, estimated cost or net realisable value,

plus direct labout and applicable production overheads based on a normal Depreciation is cenerally calculated on a straight line pasis over the term of mated wie of the asset, regional and other grants receivable being deducted from cost.

whichever is the lowest. The general basis of cost is the cost of materials

ICFC was incorporated in England on 20th July 1945 as a private company, and became a public company on 16th March 1959, ICFC's principal activity is investing, both directly and through subsidiaries, in small and medium-sized industrial and commercial enterprises in the British Isles, by subscribing for or purchasing shares or by making toans. The toans, normally repayable by instalments over periods ranging from 10 to 20 years, are in most cases secured by charges on customers' assets.

ICFC's Head Office is in London, and 18 branch offices are maintained

At 31st December 1976 the ICFC group (as defined in the Accountants' Report) had investments in 2,156 customers in a wide variety of industries. At that date investments in and financial facilities extended to customers, less provisions, amounted to £178,040,423; of this amount no one customer accounted for more than £1,750,000. Commitments in respect of financial facilities offered to customers by the ICFC group and outstanding at 31st December 1976 were

FINANCE CORPORATION FOR INDUSTRY LIMITED

FCI was incorporated in England on 19th May 1945 as a public company but became a private company on 29th May 1974. Prior to its acquisition by the Company FCI's lending policy was to restrict its investment to a small number of larger projects for which finance was not readily obtainable from ordinary market sources.

FCI is now the vehicle for the provision of large scale funds to industry. Finance is made available only on a commercially justifiable basis to any company operating in the United Kingdom for the purpose of productive investment in fixed assets in the United Kingdom, for the development of exports and for supporting working capital. While funding of existing bank facilities is not a prime purpose, it is not entirely excluded where it is desirable to improve the financial structure of the company concerned.

The size of each investment is determined by circumstance but the total that FCI will have at risk in any one company is normally limited to £25 million. Investments will normally take the form of fixed or fluctuating interest loans for periods of 10 years or longer. In appropriate metances a convertible element may be included

In the 12 months ended 31st March 1976 gross investment of FCI totalled £115,115,133; at 31st December 1976 FCI had total invest- £585,276,000. At the same date unsecured borrowings of ments outstanding, less provisions, of £223,782,783 in 37 companies Company, ICFC and FCI amounted to £473,536,000. engaged in such diverse industries as aluminium amelting, brawing, chemical manufacture, food, manufacture, general engineering and whisky distilling. Commitments in respect of financial facilities offered to customers by FCI and outstanding at 31st December 1976 were £56,075,000.

finance for ships built in U.K. shipyards and acquires and owns ships by other methods.

3. (a) PROFITS OF ICFC GROUP AND FFI GROUP

The profits of the ICFC group for the two years ended 31st Merc 1972 and 1973 and of the FFI group for the period ended 31st Marc 1974 and the two years ended 31st March 1975 and 1976, arrived after making such adjustments to the audited accounts as we conside appropriate, were as shown in the following statement:

	1977	Year; 7	eriod subs 1874	d Stat Men 1975	
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luterest and dividends (note (it) Profits less lesses on realisations	7889 14,122 2,645	2909 14,876 4,822	<i>2000</i> 20,298 4,677	28.123 2.347	48,451 2,833
Reats from leased assets and charter hire Lass: Decreciation	5,851	6,503	7,527	16,720	23,802
	3,820 2,031	3,299	3,113.	5,388	7,790
Fees and other income	2,248	3,333	3.676	1,383	2,481
Less : Provisions (note (n)) Operation costs and administrative	21,047 716	25,635 1,645	31,766 J.828	37,241 19,819	9,083
expanses	4,058	_5,691 7,336	10,683	25,580	7,858
lacease of Company and Seasons' subsidiaries less provisions	16,273	18,298	21,013	10,681	45,784
Attributable profits less fosses : Financial associates Industrial associates	784	1,250	369	175 (2,493)	1.839 1,468
Profits less losses of industrial subsidiaries before interest en berrowings (note (iii))	1			1.545	2.828
Profit before interest so barrenings	17.057	19,549	21,452	10.252	\$1,927
laterest on sacured borrowings (note (iv))	8.538	6,975	7,477	1.005	6,754
Proint after unionest ou sacurad bernowings laterast on unsecurad becrowings	79.418	12,574	13,975	3.287	45,178
(note (iv)) .	4.520	5,681	5.479	19,360	37.701
Profit (loss) before taxetion (acation, including adjustments in respect	5.888	8,505	7,495	{16,8 63 }	7,472
of prior years (note (v))	2,456	2,786	2,739	(52回)	2,928
Profit after taxation eterass of outs: 10 shareholders	1.443 E2	4,126 45	4,789 (23)	(13,503) {1,164)	4,552 243
Profit before extreordinary items Less : Extraordinary items (note (vi))	3,361 694	4,074 (7,294)	4.789 (83)	(12,339) 4,531	4,399 496
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Carnings per share (note (vini) late of dividend per share (note (ix))	5 4a 4.9p	10 Zp - 5.6p	3.5p 4.67p	28.3p Less 162353p	5.1 p _162353p
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(iii) Industrial subsidiaries

Interest and dividends
 In the period ended 31st March 1374 this includes FCI £2,368,000, being income
 from loans less interest on advances from bankors and on an amount paid in

In both the period ended 31st March 1974 and the year ended 31st March 1975. having regard to economic conditions, an amount of £1,000,000 was charged against revenue, in addition to the charges calculated as explained under accounting policy (a).

Year ended 31st March 1975 1976 Turnover, being value of sales and services invoiced in year excluding intra-group items 24 087

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New Change, London, EC4M 9AA. chartered to responsible shipowners. The Company's leasing aubsidiaries provide plant and equipment leasing facilities, primarily to small and medium-sized companies. Property investment and the

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

The activities of the Company and its principal subsidiaries are managed on a divisional basis. The group and divisional managers are supported by staff with the wide range of specialised knowledge and ualifications necessary for investigation of potential customers' businesses, and the experience required for assessment and evaluation of applications for finance.

provision of finance for property developments, primarily in industrial

premises for small and medium-sized companies, is undertaken through

other subsidiaries. The FFI group also offers advisory and management

PROFITS AND ASSETS

The consolidated operating profit of the FFI group for the year ended 31st March 1976 before charging interest and tax and before extraordinary items was, as shown in the Accountants' Report, £51,927,000. Interest on all secured borrowings of the FFI group (£6,754,000) and on all unsecured borrowings of the consolidated subsidiaries other than ICFC and FCI (£221,000) amounted in total to £6,975,000 leaving £44,952,000; after deducting interest of £37,480,000 on unsecured borrowings of the Company, ICFC and FCI. the profits for the year before tax and extraordinary hems amounted to £7,472,000.

Interest payable for a full year on the Stock would amount to $\pounds 7,000,000$.

The book amount of the net assets of the FFI group at 31st March 1976, after deducting deferred tax (£19,913,000), minority interests (£2;482,000), secured borrowings (£93,944,000) and all unsecured borrowings of the consolidated subsidiaries other than ICFC and FCI (£738,000), was £449,917,000, At 31st March 1976 unsecured ings of the Company, ICFC and FCI amounted to £343,974,000.

For the six months ended 30th September 1976, the unaudited consolidated profit of the FFI group before tax but after charging a special contribution to staff pension fund of £1,000,000, amounted to £4,219,000. The book amount of the net assets of the FFI group as shown by an unaudited balance sheet at 30th September 1976, computed on the basis sat out in the preceding paragraph, was

The net proceeds of the present issue of the Stock, estimated to mount to £48,955,000, will be applied in meeting the demand for

it is intended to make further loan stock issues on such terms and in such amounts as circumstances demand. The Company also intends to Through its marine subsidiaries the Company provides post-delivery take advantage of such opportunities as may occur to raise loan monies

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at	(iv) Interest on borrowings					
er	Interest payable, other than by FCI					
181	in the period ended 31st March 197 (note (i) above), comprises:	٠.				
	Secret					
	FFI group (other than					
	te (CFC group)	4.975	4.575	4.875	1,821	1.866 4.875
	NGC debenture stacks Other ICFC promp	1.763	2.100	1,682	4,875	4,013
	Industrial subsidiaries	-,			250	224
-	•					
	Unsecret	6,638	6,175	7,477	8,955	6,754
	FFI/ICFC Inde stocks	2.788	1,772 }	4,084	4,318	11,996
-	Industrial subsidiarres		1	7,007	278	28
1	Other	1,754	1.895	2,385	14,754	25,676
_		4,528	5,868	6,479	19,360	37,781
		11,758	12.663	13,855	25,316	44,435
-	•	11,730	Luciana		29,014	441493
7	E.A. Warrelan					
	(v) <i>Taxableft</i> Corporation tax	.713	1.182	259	(7.162)	1.462
1	Foreign tax	54	42	90	193	187
_	Tax attributable to			4		
-	franked income	1,391	1,500	1,535	1,502	7,861
	Interne tax	1,281				
		2.768	2,724	2,484	(5,467)	3,611
	Deferred taxation	289	103	446	4,523	1,261
		2,457	2.627	2 974	(844)	4,872
	Prior years	(1)	[41]	(194)	(1,616)	(1.952)
		2,458	2,786	9.750	20 5 6 8 1	2 000
-		2.430	2.709	2,730	(2,568)	2.970
	attributable to					
	FFI_TCFC and finencial subsideries	2,112	2.556	2,608	(2.937)	92
	Fri icrc and images i surseparius Financial associates	344	436	122	441	781
	Industrial associates	•			(657)	783
	Industrial subsidiaries				593	1,286
		2,456	2.786	2,730	(2,560)	2.978
•	•				1-20007	
	6.5) Cataonathana Sama					
	(vi) <i>Extraordinery items</i> Premiums, less discounts, on					
'	acquisitions and less on disposal of					
	subsidiaries, including taxation					
	thereon Discounts and cases expenses of	711	769	(65)	1.446	496
	pasecured lean stocks and capital duty	583	21	2	2,382	_
	Attributable less of Hemilton Leasing					
	Ltd for the 4 months to 31st March				763	
	1974 Sorples on sale of exterest in Piercy	_		_	/63	_
	Hoose Jess taxation	-	[8,524]	_	_	
	Provision for payment to staff pension					
	land in respect of past service, less texation		450	_	_	
	16.46 (19.1)		<u> </u>			
		594	(7,254)	(83)	4,531	496
	· .					

(vii) The reduction in the retained surplus as shown in the published accounts of the FFI group for the year ended 31st March 1975 was £18,952,000: the difference of £1,344,000 between that figure and the decrease shown above arises from the neclusion in the letter of the results of industrial subsidiaries and industrial associates.

(viii) Earnings per share Prolit (loss) ettributable to FFI group! ICFC group before extraordizary (ICC {£900} 4,611 (12,339) 4,309 3.361 4,874 Average number of shares in case 46,567 **10.021** 85,000 1.00 20.3p Loss 5.7p

in the accounting years ended 31st March 1972 and 1973 ICFC obtained the benefit of income tax deducted and retained on dividends pard, in consequence of the change to the impuration system of taxation no such benefit accrued thereafter. All earnings per share figures have therefore been computed on a basis which excludes income tax

(ix) Rate of dividend (IX) mate of armound for the imputation system of taxation these rates have, for purpose of compensen, been calculated by dividing the net dividends into the approximately provided the net dividends into the approximately

The profits of FCI for the two 1973 were as follows:	years ende	d 31s	t March	1972 a
1070 4100 63 (0110443.				ur esded st March
			1972 2001	7973
lucting from least, loss interest on advances from amount paid in advance of cults. Administrative expenses	bankers and sa		1,941 51	
Profit before traction Corporation tax		•	1,68	
Profit efter texation			75	
Unidends			200	147
Addition to patalonal surplus	•		931	1,043
Note: In the years ended 31st March 1972 (egainst individual loans.	and 1973 no s	pecific	provision	s were me
4. BALANCE SHEETS AT 31st	March 1	976		
The balance sheets of FFI grou	p, FFI, ICF	C grai	ip and i	FCI, base
on the audited balance sheets, an we consider appropriate, were as for	d after mak ilows:	ing st	ich adju	
•	177. 1744	FF!	group	•
imestacents and financial facilities extended to contoners (note (e))	<i>2000</i> 351, <i>577</i>	£808	<i>170,</i> 105	
Property and plent at cost (note (b)) Less: Depreciation	98,815 47,743	_	19,528	1
Shios under charter at cost	48,272	_	7,888	
Tess: Debiscingen	13.678	_	_	_
Development sites Financial associates (auto (c))	73,810	-	73,560	=
Industrial associates (note (d)) Net assets of industrial subsidiaries (note (e))	7,033 17,560	 	7,033 13,418	***
Conselluted subsidiaries (nute (fi)) Current assets Release with basiness and consent of coll and		331,132		
Balances with bunkers and money at call and short notice Other correct assets	91,016	88,5 9 8	2,820	890
Customers' Bability for acceptances Tax recoverable (act)	400 6,360	807	400 2,271	3,235
istorest receivable, delytore and prepayments. Dividends receivable Amoust receivable from follow askebilisches	8,744	674 5,025	1,171	7,047
Amount recursion upon miner approximation Lette: Correct Ephilisise other than borrowless	105,540	93,412	11,587	5,172
Lets: Correct Rebiblies other than borreigless Acceptages on behalf of castomers Taxation (acto (g))	400 111	=	400 711	
Creditors and account therese Scoop relief psyable	10,126	3,317	2,621	2,178
Assumt payable to follow subsidiation Proposed dividend	138	138 3,455	1,945 3,825 8,102	988 7,000 4,091
Ret Cerrent Assets	-	3,400	3,405	1,081
		01,089	215,489	178,720
Financed by: Share capital				
Accharined		160,000	\$8,000	25,868
eroud and fully paid shares of £1 each exact shares of £10 each, £1.50 paid	85,000 1	65,000	85,000	
7,509,800 sterns) Uncent paid in advices of calls Stars promises	12,030 1	2.030	_	5,000 5,000
Setained surplus (sets (kj))	9,701	7,117	7,742	7,954
Inferred Izratina	207,731 (28,913	與147 142	82,742 10,796	18,704 (503)
larrenings regayable (note (i)) gitar para tina 15 years	1 80.5287		\$ 55,500 i	
after more than 18 years but within 15 years after paper than 5 years but within 10 years	12,143 106,827	0,750	11,511 . 22,008	
after more than 1 year but within 5 years	761,211	8,500 9,250	102,571	
errenfogs repayable within 7 year (note (i)) etal borranfogs	436,868 30	2,550 11,080	9,583 112,174	_
mateut dan to holding coinnens etsido shareholders' loterants in embeldiaries	2,482		1,381 28,315	182,518
	506,934 44	1,089	215,409	179,729
Notes: (a) Investments and financial facilities ext	anded to custo	omers la	iss provisi	ons
4-1	France	F1 19	JČFC group	FC!
Debentures and secured loans	£00 189,25	10 13 11	£000	2000 75,077
Unsacured loans Redeemable preference shares I medeemable preference shares	712,97 0,04 3,04	5	1,465 8,045 2,288	101,450
Ednith space Ednith space Turs of space of space of states	42,03	2 3	9,855	1,523
Less: General provision after tax	355,30 3,82		3,386 3,280	178,075 436
	351,47	7 17	0,106	177,639

			£000	£060	LOGO
	(i) Unlisted equity investments	excludii	ng		
	Net book amount		27,753	26,036	1,500
	Share of post-acquisition su less losses	rpiuses	15,877	15,951	(187)
	(ii) Listed investments Net book amount Market value		16,736 22,487	15,132 21,040	48 84
	(IE) Tax shares in meant of t	nnealis	ed profits on (exchange of	investments
	have been debited to the co of provisions against advanc taxation purposes until the against the provisions.	st of the	investments w	ts. Tax charg hich are not	ellowable for
b)	Property and plant			- FFI group -	
			Property £000	Plunt 2000	Toral £000
	Cost Accumulated depreciation		22,170 2,762	73,845 44,981	80.015 47,743
•			19,408	28,864	48,272
	Leased to customers under agree in use by group	ments	11,717 .7,891	28,202 662	8,353
	Frechold Long leasehold		2,451 9,564		
	Short lemohold		393		
			19,408		
					مامعا معام
	No property is held within the ICi (e) below).	PC grou	р өхсері ау ілі)US(78) 5U0%	oisues (note
}	Financial associates	1000	FF/ group £000	10 2000	FC group £000
		Listed	Unlisted 300	Listed	Unlisted 300
	Debentures and secured loans Unsecured loans	_	338	Ξ	338
	Redeemable preference shares Equity	9,438	1,02B	9,438	952 952
	Share of post-acquisition	9.438	1,721	9,438	1,648
	surpluses less losses	1,873	778	1,873	604
	1	1,311	2,499	11,311	2,249
	Market value 1	6,316		16,316	
)	Industriel associates less provision	ns EO	##} group 00 £000	IC.	FC group £000
	Debentures and secured loans		of Vallated	Listed	Unlisted 1,102
	Umarroud forms Redeemable preference shares		- 806 - 119	Ξ	205 119
	Irredesmable preference shares	44	49	441	6,809
		44	8,885	441	B.M85
	Share of post-acquisition surpluses less losses	43	8 (2,729)	435	(2,729)
		87	7 6,156	877	8,156
	Market yalus	1,48	0	7,490	
			-		
ı	Net assats of industrial subsidiaria	Proper		FFI group	ICFC group
	Property and plant	200		£000	£000
	Cost Acoumulated depreciation	2,98 24		10,152 4,208	10,152 4,208
		2,72	2 3,222	5,944	5,944
	Freehold	1,80			
	Long leasehold Shorr fammhold	63 27	9		
		2,72			
	Current assets	-	-		
	Stock and work-in-progress Debtors and propayments	anat d	a.d a.d a	7,808 6,085	7,808 5,005
	Balances with bankers and mon Deposit with FFI	oy 21 8/10	naf döğen	693	693 1,858
				14,586	16,444
1	Current liablific				
	Creditors and accrued charges Textsion			6,511	6,511 671
	Bank overdrafts (secured £1,512	t-000)		1,768	1,788
				8,970	8,970
1	Net current assets			5,516	7,474

Incomban and I		2000	
At cost less provisions Shares		73,584	
Advances by FFI		250,059	(i) <i>Und</i> Fins
Advances to FFI		323,643 12,511	Dev
		311,132	*** ***
(i) Advances to some subsidiaries by FFI and	ICEC totalling £90	213,000 and	(ii) On a
£924,000 respectively, have been subscreditors of those subsidiaries. ii) Shares held in subsidiaries by FFI and £16,900,000 and £150,000 respectively.	rdinated in 1270W	di ille ones	Fina Devi
Toxation Capital allowances estimated at £3.570,000 Itability of the FFI group to pay corporation tax transfers will be made to deterred taxation.	are avaliable to redu , but approximately c	ice the future corresponding	(iii) <i>Capa</i> <i>Indu</i> Auth
Retained surplus	FFI group	ICFC group	Con (1) Conting (1) Con
EEI JOSEC	2000 1,117	£000	the (
FFI/ICFC Suizidiane	8,225	6,467	(ii) Com
Associates ·	359	184	indu (ui) On 2
•	9,701	7,742	born
Of the retained surplus of subsidiaries, amoun	ts of £3,497,000 (F	Fi group) and	Inga
£2,470,000 (ICFC group) are not regarded as of Barrowings			
 (i) (a) By FFI and subsidiaries (other than IC) Debenture stocks 	FC)		
6 per cant, 1983/85		2,000	5. SUMMA
8 per cent. 1991/93		3,000 } 5,000	The comb
Unsecured loan stocks		2.025	balance she
. 14 percent 1979 13 percent 1931	ļ	75.000	FFI group at balance she
		77,025	appropriate,
Bank Loans Repayable by instalments ending			Ist Hech
after more then 5 years (Secured) Repayable by instalments ending		5,775	**********
within 5 years (Secured £7,014,000) Repayable within 5 years		53,389 62	lavestments and fir
Bankoverdraft		125 59,351	facilities extend customers
Other loans		25,32 (Property, pleat and moder charter
Repayable by instelments ending after more than 5 years (Secured)		4,643	Development sitez Fioancial asseciata
Deposits Repayable in more than 1 year	ī	19,075	industrial associate Not assets of lades
Repayable in not more than 1 year	I	159,600 178,675	Current assets Balances with his
			money at cell t
(b) ByICFC		324,684	notica Custowers' liabil
Debenture stocks 51 per cent. 1980/82	1	10,000	acceptances Unsecured lean s
61 per cent, 1981/84 61 per cent, 1989/90	f	10,000	iastalmenta Interest receivab
72 per cent. A. 1989/92 72 per cent. A. 1991/94		15,000 15,000	and prepayment tax recoverable
9 per cent. 'A' 1991/94	i	70,000	
Unsecured lash stocks			
10 per cent. 'C' 1976 9 per cent. 1977		5.212 3,200	Corrent Habilities Acceptances on E
87 par cent, 1992/97	1	15,000 23,412	eastowers Texation
Bank loans Repayable by instalments ending after a	more than 5 years	4,482	Creditors and acc Proposed divides
Deposits Repayable in more than 1 year	Γ	10,300	
Repayable in not more than 1 year	£	14.300	Not current accests
		112.174	
		435,88B	
() Ctamellus de a Malan			Passed by:
i) Standbyfacilities The shareholders of FFI have made availables.			Share cepital of f Share premium Retained surplus
Facility A amounted to £100,000,000 at 31 £200,000,000 on 1st April 1976 and was for	orther increased to £	300,000,000	•
on 1st October 1976. Its purpose is to sup rate lending. At 31st March 1976 no amor	unts had been draw	n under this	Definied Emons Outside share into
facility but medium term variable rate loss were outstanding, financed by market borro			subsidiaries Berowlans
facility. Facility B amounts to £100,000,000 and its		•	Documents
borrowing by FFI necessary to finance the	provision of fixed :	asitiliasi eta	Share capital end
to customers pending appropriate arrang medium or long term loans or share capital.	At 31st March 1976	no emounte	ecquisition rea
had been drawn down but after taking covered by Facility A and redeposits to	there remained bo	TO Spriwon	
£41.039,000 metering in less than one yes facility.	ir whish were supp	orted by this	
Other Information The debenture stocks are secured by floating	charges		S. ACCOUN
All borrowings are repayable at par.		mant of the	
ICFC and FCI have jointly and severally principal and interest on the unsecured los			No account those for the y
£77,025,000 at 31st March 1976. ICFC has entered into finance contracts d			THE PART OF STREET
November 1974 with European Investmen has granted credits equivalent to a total of i	t Bank (EIB) under	which EIB	
to be used in financing projects in develop customers in respect of loans relating to the	ment areas. Amoun	ts due from	
notal of £1,867,000 and are included with	dispendures and se	EURA LONDON	
(note (a)): the securities given by customer for EIB.	FOL MAN HOSTIZ BLD	INCHES DEST	

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(k)	Forther commitme	nts		FFI	ICFC	FCI
				group	group	
				£000	€000	£000 j
	(i) <i>Under contract</i> Financial facili			86.974	10.148	77,820
	Devslopment :			3.063		
	20.0.0					
				93,037	10,148	77,920
	(ii) On offer subject	tte				
	acceptance en	d contract				
	Financial facilit			10,531	3,135	7,075
	Developments	ites		2,086		
				12,617	3,135	7.075
	(iii) Capital expend	liture of				
	industriel subs	danes		788.	788	
	Contracted			528	528	
Ø	Contingent liebiliti	25				
***	(i) Contingentiial	olities rela	ting to			
	the guarantes o		•			
	agreements an			18,109	\$7,370	592
	্ন) Contingentiial industrial subsi			252	252	
	(ui) On 2nd March		and ECI inief			ed the futur
	borrowings of					
	ings amounted			-,		
			•		•	
5. 8	to vrammue	BALAN	ice shee	TS		
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	he combined co					
	nce sheets of FC					
	group at 31st Ma					
	nce sheets, and			adjustme	nts as we	e conside
appi	ropriate, are sum	narised a	is follows:			
Ne k	f web	1971	1972	1973 197	4 1975	197£
***	e me sjed		idead ICFC and F			
		2000		200 .500		
	ments and financial lities extended to					

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levestments and figurated facilities extended to							
Customers	210,469	277,178	222,204	243,669	234,180	351,A77	
Property, plant and ships under charter	23 (22	44,583	47,516	48.132	77.342	72,391	
Development sites	84,742,	175,000	5.575	13.538	12,453	74,448	
Financial associates	5.137	7,417	9,815	10.358	12,481	13,878	
Industrial associates	diagra	19408	or time or the	i phoeti	8.575	7.633	
Not assets of Industrial subsid	istica				11,423	11,500	
Corrent assets							
Balances with bankers and							
trong had they as your				40.000		-	
notice Customers' liability for	11,637	21,125	27,284	10,888	B9,464	21,512	
Scoolancez Cuzosanz, usomili ini.	2.325	3.461	2,311	2.535	456	485	
Massaured loan stack	معديه	9,491	4911	2,849	700	-460	
instalments	7,725	11.625		_	92.620	-	
Interest receivable, debters		- cyano	~ .		,		
and prepayments, include	e e						_
tax recoverable	9,023	1.543	10,725	12,132	15,025	15,124	
		47,384	50.550	25.533	137,000	200 F40	
	38,118	47,364	40,418	23.31.1	137,040	106,540	
						-	1
Corent liabilities .						A	, T
Acceptances on behalf of		A 488		. 2.535	-		
Castomara Texation	3,375 1,852	3,481 1,481	2.331 8.116	8.783	454 82	400 771	1
Creditors and account charac		5.039	8,552	7.254	10.388	10.12E	
Proposed dividend	1,917	2,169	427	2,809	138	138	
1 Inhosen museum	fitters	2149		Photo	110	546	
	TARRE	13,000	17,438	20,792	11,558	10,776	
Bet current sourts	25,882	35,283	22,983	4,741	135,342	85,765	
•	275.086	328,451	308.057	321,129	479,195	538,954	
	71:1/400	420,401	460,021	40,120	4/4/490	602/101	
Passed by:							
Share conital of PRINCEC	40,000	40,000		60,008	86,600	85,099	
Shara premium Retained surales FFI/ICFC	12,350	13,857	22,785	13,280 24,579	13,030 6,676	13,630 9,781	
surround surpes cultures	12,890	19'031	22,700	25910	0,920	4,786	
	52,356	53.657	82,785	97,859	185.858	197,73t	
Definited Emigraph	7.330	7.775	7.AE7	8.167	12.452	75.017	
Ontside share interests in	-,		••••				
subsidiacies	173	1,818	1,331	7,362	2,483	2,412	
Becruwings	129,571	242,817	210,379	212,711	354,854	434,890	
		****			-		
Chara coult-l'and per	200,024	305,368	281,582	321,126	479,885	168,394 __	_
Stars capital end pre- acquisition reserves of PCI	18 187	15,012	16,135		_		
endmerrien seser sing Al LCI	17/124	12,014	196150				
	275.885	328.451	388,957	321,129	471.865	584.094 °	_
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constituted by a Trust Deed to be made between the Company (1), ICFC and FCI ("the Surstice") (2) and Williams & Glyn's Trust Company Limited as Trustees (3), containing inter alls provisions to the following effect:

DEFINITIONS ring expresi

long will have the following meanings; Moning Horrowed:

les borrowed shall be deemed to include (in so far as not already taken into

account):

(i) the principal amount outstanding in respect of any debenture as defined in Section 455 of the Companies Act 1948;

(ii) the principal amount outstanding under any acceptance credit opened by any bank or accepting house on behalf of and in twour of the Company or the Sureties or any of them;

(iii) the nominal amount of any issued share capital and the principal amount of any monies borrowed the redemption or repayment whereof is guaranteed or secured by the Company or the Sureties or any of them;

(iv) any paid up share capital of a Surety (other than equity share capital) not for the time being beneficially owned by the Company or another wholly owned British lates Subsidiary of the Company.

hall be desired not to include:

(a) monies borrowed for the purpose of repaying the whole or any part of any other monies borrowed pending their application for such purpose provided that they are to be so applied within six months of being so

provided that they are to be so oppose where on the broken a bornowed;

(b) monies borrowed from bankers or others for the purpose of financing any contract in respect of which any part of the price receivable is guaranteed or insured by the Export Credits Guarantee Department or any institution approved by the Trustees carrying on similar business in the United Kingdom to an amount not exceeding that part of the price receivable there-under which is so guaranteed or insured; or

(c) monies deposited whether on deposit or current account or otherwise by customers or in connection with any scheme for the benefit of employees or their decondants.

Adjusted Total of Capital and Reserves:

The aggregate of :

(i) the amount paid up or credited as paid up on the issued share capital of the

Company: and

(ii) the amounts for the time being standing to the credit of the capital and revenue reserves (including share premium account, capital redemption reserve fund and profit and loss account) of the Company and of the Sureties,

all as shown in a consolidation of the then latest audited balance sheets of the Company

all as shown in a consolidation of the then issues author anomal or are company, and the Sureties but effect.

(a) deducting therefrom any amounts attributable to goodwill and other intengible assets and any debit belance on profit and loss account;

(b) deducting therefrom an amount equal to any distribution by the Company and the Sureties or any of them to its or their members out of profits earned prior to the date of such latest audited belience sheets and which would have been declared recommended or made since that date, other than

earned prior to the date of such latest audited balence sheets and which may have been declared recommended or made since that date, other than dividends paid or payable by the Sureties or either of them to the Company or exceptly so far as provided for in such balance sheets; excluding therefrom any writing up after 7th February 1977 of the book value of any assets (not being current assets) of the Company and the Sureties or any of them except to the extent of (i) any writing back of depreciation previously charged against revenue profits in excess of the relevant tax allowances (other than investment allowances and other allowances which in the opinion of the Auditors are of a similar nature) and (ii) any writing back upon a revaluation by the Directors up to the original cost of amounts previously written off the opinion cost of amounts previously written off the opinion of and any extensions. original cost of amounts previously written off the original cost of any

stment: king such adjustments as may be appropriate in respect of any variation such paid up share capital or reserves since the date of such balance

sheets; steep an amount equivalent to the investment (whether by way of character or loan capital or other indebtedness) of the Company and the Surelies or any of them in any Excluded Subsidiary; and making such further adjustments (if any) as the Auditors sholl consider

British Islas Subsidiary: A subsidiary incorporated in the British Islas the main business of which is carried on and the major part of the assets of which is situated within the British Islas.

The British Isles:

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isla of Man.

A wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (other than a Surely) which has outstanding monies borrowed which were borrowed after 7th February 1977 and secured on the assets of such subsidiary other than (a) monies borrowed from and for the time being owing to the Company or to any wholly owned British isles Subsidiary of the Company not being an Excluded Subsidiary or (b) monies borrowed and secured by charges on specific assets of such subsidiary in the ordinary course of its business.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS

The Bank of England will act as registrers of the Stock which will be registered and transferable in multiples of one new penny; transfers, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963, will be registered free of charge.

Interest (less income Tax) on the Stock will be payable half-yearly at the Bank of England on 20th June and 20th December at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum: the text payment will be made on 20th June 1977 and will amount (before deduction of incomeTax) to £2,73 per £100 nominal of the Stock interest warrants will be sent by post;

REPAYMENT AND PURCHASE

Any stock constanting at 20th Descender 1965 will be repetit at the Henk of Jamid on that date when all interest will cases. The Company may at any time purchase any of the Stock in the market or by tender alkable alike to all holders of the Stock) at any price or by private treaty at any price exceeding £105 per centum (inclusive of accrued interest but exclusive of enses) but not otherwise.

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LIMITATION ON BORROWINGS

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So long as any part of the Stock renains outstanding:
(i) without the previous sanction of an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of the Stock the aggregate amount for the time being outstanding of monies borrowed by the Company and the Streties (together with any fixed or minimum premium payable on final redemption or repayment but exclusive of monies borrowed by the Company from the Sureties or either of them or by the Sureties or either of them from the Company or the other of the Sureties) shall not at any time exceed an amount equal to seven times the adjusted total of capital and

except with the consent of the Trustees no monies borrowed after 7th February 1977 by the Company and the Sureties or any of them and secured on assets of the Company or the Sureties or any of them shell be repayable prior to 20th December 1983.

6. TRANSFER OF ASSETS

Except with the consent of the Trustees:

(i) the Company shall not and shall procure that none of its wholly owned Bridgh isles Subsidiaries shall sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of undertaking which is a substantial part or (except in the ordinary course of business) sell or otherwise dispose of any part of its assets which is a substantial part Provided that without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing any sale or dispose of seasons. or disposal of assets;

(a) to the Company or to any company which is at the time thereof or will immediately thereafter be a British isles Subsidiary wholly owned by the Company; az

(b) to the Company or any other subsidiary for full consideration (payable in the United Kingdom) in money or money's worth shell be deemed to be in the ordinary course of business;

 (ii) the Company shall not cause or pennit the Suretise or either of them to cause to be wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. For the purposes of this provision "substantial part" shall be 10 per cent. or more of the undertaking or of the assets (as the case may be) of the Company and its British

FURTHER ISSUES OF LOAN STOCK

In the event of the Company issuing additional unsacured loan stock, whether identical in all respects with the Stock or having attached thereto such other provisions and conditions as the Directors may at the time of the issue thereof determine, such additional unsecured loan stock may be constituted by a Trust Deed expressed to be supplemental to the Trust Deed constituting the Stock and may (if identical with the Stock) form a single issue with the Stock.

MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS

8. MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The holders of the Stock will have power by Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed which will provide that the quorum for passing such a Resolution except at an adjourned meeting shall be the holders present in person or by proxy of a clear majority in nominal amount of the Stock for the time being outstending) to sanction any modification or compromise or arrangement in respect of their rights against the Company and the Sureties or any of them or any modification of the terms of the Trust Deed. In addition the Trustees will have power at any time to concur with the Company and the Sureties in making any modifications of the provisions contained in the Trust Deed provided that the Trustees shall be satisfied that such modifications will not be materially prejudical to the interests of the holders of the Stock.

9. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONSENTS

The Trust Deed will contain certain provisions for the indemnification of the Trustees and for their relief from responsibility. Any consent given by the Trustees within the provisions of the Trust Deed may be given on such terms and conditions, if any, as the

10. GUARANTEE

The Stock will be unconditionally guaranteed jointly and severally as to payment of principal and interest by the Sureties.

STATUTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Shareholders' interests The shareholders of the Company and the number of shares of £1 each held by them respectively are as follows: Bank of England (13,357,409); Bank of Scotland (2,773,866); Barclays Bank Limited (16,783,247); Clydesdele Bank Limited (1,843,076); Coutts & Co. (621,828); Lloyds Bank Limited (12,194,173); Midland Bank Limited (14,400,592); National Westminster Bank Limited (20,463,936); The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited (4,080,112); Williams & Glyn's Bank Limited (2,874,781)

Information on the Company's Loan Stocks
The £3,000,000 14 per cent. Guaranteed Unsecured Loan Stock 1979 ("the 1979
Stock") is unconditionally guaranteed at to principal and interest by ICFC and FCI and
is constituted by a Trust Deed dated 19th August 1974 and a Supplemental Trust Deed
dated 20th September 1974 both made between the Company, ICFC, FCI and
Williams & Glyn's Trust Company Limited as Trustees.

The £75,000,000 13 per cent. Unsecured Loan Stock 1981 ("the 1981 Stock") is unconditionally guarantsed as to principal and interest by ICFC and FCI and is constituted by a Trust Deed dated 14th February 1975 and made between the Company, ICFC, FCI and Williams & Glyn's Trust Company Limited as Trustees (Contract (1) below).

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cent. Debenture Stock 1981/84 and the £10.000,000 6½ per cent. Debenture Stock 1988/90 of ICFC ("the 5½ per cent. and 6½ per cent. Stocks") are sectived part passer by first floating charges, in favour of Commercial Union Assurance Company Limited as Trustees, on the undertaking of ICPC and all its assets and property both present and future including any uncalled capital. The £15,000,000 7½ per cent. "A" Debenture Stock 1989/92, the £15,000,000 7½ per cent. "A" Debenture Stock 1989/92, the £15,000,000 7½ per cent. "A" Debenture Stock 1981/84 of ICFC ("the 7½ per cent, and 9 per cent. "A" Debenture Stock 1981/84 of ICFC ("the 7½ per cent, and 9 per cent, and 6½ per cent, stocks." The 7½ per cent, and 9 per cent. Stocks The 7½ per cent, and 9 per cent. Stocks The 7½ per cent, and 9 per cent. Stocks The 7½ per cent, and 9 per cent. Stocks The 7½ per cent, and 9 per cent. Stocks are guaranteed by Technical Development Capital Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of ICFC) whose guarantee is secured by a first floating charge on its undertaking and all its assets and property both present and future including any uncalled tability. ck 1981/84 and the £10,000,000 61 per cent. Debenture Stock

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Changes in Share and Loan Capital of the Company, ICFC and

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On 30th November 1973 the authorised capital was increased to £100,000,000 in On 30th November 1973 the authorised capital was increased to £100,000,000 in that of £1 each; 40,000,000 shares were issued to the shareholders of £1c. In exchange for a similar number of £1 shares, being the whole of the issued share capital of that company; the Bank of England, a shareholder, subscribed for a further 5,500,000 £1 shares in cash at £2.50 per share; all the shareholders then subscribed for an editional total of 14,500,000 £1 shares in cash at par. The proceeds of these subscriptions were used parity to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of £CI and parity to supplement the Company's funds available for investment.

On 4th February 1975 the authorised capital was further increased to £150,000,000.

On 4th March 1975 25,000,000 shares of £1 each were issued to the sharejy for subscription in cash at par (Contract (2) below). On 22nd June 1976, for the purpose of enabling the Company to subscribe for shares in Equity Capital for Industry Limited (Contract (6) below) a further 4.000,000 shares of £1 each where issued to the shareholders for subscription in cash at par (Contract (4) below).

Lean Capital On 23rd July 1974 £1,000,000 of the 1979 Stock was issued for cash at £96.50 per centum, Subsequently a total of £1,025,000 of the 1979 Stock was issued for cash at current market prices to raise an eggregate of £995,500.

On 13th February 1975 the whole of the 1981 Stock was issued for cash at £99,50 per centum. In connection with such issue the Company paid commissions and brokerage totalling £187,446, excluding V.A.T.

Except as disclosed herein (a) no shere or loan capital of the Company or of ICFC or FCI has been issued within the two years preceding the date hereof or is proposed to be issued for cash or otherwise; (b) no unissued shere or loan capital of the Company or of ICFC or FCI is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option; (c) no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have within the two years preceding the date hereof been granted by the Company or ICFC or FCI in connection with the issue or sale of any share or loan capital of any of them.

Directors' interests

(e) There is no service agreement between the Company or any subsidiary and any Director of the Company which is not terminable at any time on less than 12 months' notice without payment of compensation other than statutory compensation. The aggregate empluments of the Directors during the year to 31st March 1976 were £105,000.

(b) No Director has or has had any interest direct or indirect in any material asset (a) No Director has or has had any interest direct or indirect in any material asset acquired or disposed of by or leased to the Company or any of its subsidiaries within the two years immediately preceding the date heraof or proposed to be so acquired, disposed of or leased.
 (c) There are no contracts or arrangements of significance (as defined by the Regulations of The Stock Exchange) subsisting with the Company or any of its subsidiaries in which a Director's interest is material.

Litigation No company in the FFI group has any inigation or claims of material importance pending or, so far as the Directors are aware, threatened against it.

Material contracts The following contracts have been entered into within the two years imm

preceding the date of publication of this Prospectus, otherwise than in the ordinary course of business, and are or may be meterial:

(1) Dated 14th Fobruary 1975 between the Company (1), ICFC and FCI (2) and Williams & Glyn's Trust Company Limited (3) being the Trust Deed constituting the 1981 Stock.

(2) Dated March 1975 being exchanges of letters between the Company and its shareholders relating to the issue of 25,000,000 shares of £1 each referred to

3) Dated 5th November and 11th November 1975 being an exchange of letters between the Bank of England and the Company relating to the provision by the shareholders of the standby fecilities referred to above.

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Offer Document deted 5th July 1976 and Form of Acceptance issued 12 to 32 to 12 to 1 Dated 4th August 1978 between ECSC (1) and the Company (2) being a Agreement relating to the loan facility of £10,000,000 referred to above.

Dated 7th February 1977 being an exchange of letters between Mullens & C and Hears Govett Limited ("the Joint Brokers") and the Company under white the Joint Brokers have agreed, subject to listing being granted not later than 16 February 1977, to underwrite the Issue of the Stock for a commission of 1½ poent, on the nominal amount of the Stock, out of which they will pay a su underwriting commission of 1 per cent, and their own legal expenses.

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Stock Exchange, the Company's legal and accountancy fees and expenses, the issue charges of the Bank of England, the commission referred to below psyable to banks and stockbrokers, the legal expenses of the Trustees, postage, printing, advertish and the commission psyable to the Joint Brokes are estimated to amount to £785,00 and are psyable by the Company.

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10 Section 39 of the Companies Act 1948.

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Copies of the Memoranda and Articles of Association of the Company and of ICT and FCI, the draft Trust Deed (subject to modification), the Accountants' Reporting the signed statement of adjustments and the resource therefor and the resource therefore and the last two financial years, the unaudited interim accounts of the Company for the months ended 30th September 1976 and the shaterial contracts referred to above my be inspected at the offices of Slatighter and May, 35 Basinghalf Street, Londo EC2V SDB on any weekday (excluding Saturdays and public holidays) during use business hours, for a period of 14 days from the publication of this Prospectus. PORANG COMPANY OF THE

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Acceptance of applications will be conditional upon the whole to

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Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but not late than 3rd May 1977. Default in the payment of any instalment by its du date will render the deposit and any instalment previously paid liable to forfeiture and the allotment to cancellation. Interest at the rate c 15 per cent, per annum may be charged on any overdue instalment.

A commission of 122p per £100 Stock will be paid to banker or stockbrokers on allotments made in respect of application: bearing their stamp; this commission will not, however, be paid in respect of any allotment which arises out of an under writing commitment. Furthermore, no payment will be made where the banker or stockbroker would receive by way o commission a total of less than £1.

Letters of Allotment may be split into denominations of multiples o £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, not later than 29th April 1977 such a request must be accompanied by the Letter(s) of Allotment bu the Letter(s) cannot be split if any instalment is overdue. Letters o Allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, not later than 3rd May 1977 but registration may be effected earlier provided payment in full has been made.

Application forms and copies of this Prospectus may be obtained from the Com at ST Waterloo Road, London SE1 BXP, from the Bank of England and its bran from Mullens & Co. and from House Govert Limited. 9

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Henry Sykes	50	_	2.2	4.4	5.8
James Burrough	77	-1	6.0	7.8	12.2
Robert Jenkins	217	+5	25.0	11.8	4.9
Twinlock Ord	14	+1	_	2,9	_
Twinlock 12% CULS	57	+2	12.0	21.1	_
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Producer plan for more uniform pricing of copper

The second meeting of the United Nations Conference on Trade Development's intergovernmental export group on copper (IEGC), which has started in Geneva, will be told of a producer proposal for more uniform pricing of copper on the world market, Noducer sources said.

This will be suggested as an interim and temporary step to improve low copper earnings. The proposal will come from the Intergovernmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries (Cipec) whose executive director, M Sacha Gneronik, will present other papers on his own behalf covering the mechanism of the London Metal Exchange, the importance of scrap in the copper market and the value of encouraging new informed sources said.

Leading copper producers and consumers at industry level have

Leading copper producers and consumers at industry level have agreed to advise their governments to support basic United States and EEC proposals for an independent international copper beautiful.

The sources representing both consumers and producers said a recent high level industry meeting held under the auspices of the International Wrought Copper Council (IWCC) showed a clear preference among major copper producers and consumers for the establishment of a new permanent consultative committee which

establishment of a new permanent consultative committee which will gather copper statistics and be able to handle problems facing the world copper economy.

This week's IEGC session will prepare a draft to be finalized next month before going to a second preparatory plenary Unctad session on copper, tentatively scheduled for May.

This weeks menting cannot take firm decisions, but only make recommendations to yet more meetings later this year, the sources said.

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: Copper up 3,925 to 518,000; tin down 40 to 4,325; lead up 1,325 to 58,100; zinc down 975 to 79,525; silver down 270,000 to 25,970,000 troy ounces.

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Stock and hereby engages to pay the instalments as they shall become due allotment that may be made in respect of this application, as provided by Prospectus; the applicant requests that a Letter of Allotment in respect of :k allotted be sent to him/her by post at his/her risk.

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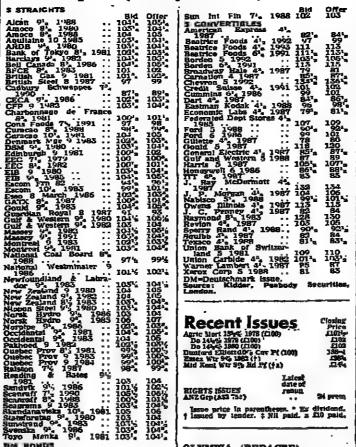
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declaration cannot be made it should be deleted and reference should be made to an Authorised itary, or, in the Republic of Ireland, an Approved Agent, through whom lodgment should be set. Authorised Depositance are listed in the Bank of England's Notice EC 1 and include most banks tockbrokers and solicitors practising in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man; wed Agents in the Republic of Ireland are defined in the Bank of England's Notice EC 10.

Foreign



OLYMPIA (REDACKE) Turnover for 1976 up from £1.75m to £2.07m, Profit (after tax) up from £48,000 to £79,000, Gross dividend up from 1.84p to 2.15p. Exchange

The Bank of England continued to hold tight control over the movement in the rate for sterling on the foreign exchange market yesterday.
Sterling closed at \$1.7145 to show a net fall on the day of 5

show a net fall on the day of 5 points.

Early in the day, the authorities were buying dollars to keep the rate for sterling from rising appreciably, dealers said. The extent of the Bank of England's dollar purchases slackened from Jeveis of recent weeks, they noted.

However, later in the day, the Bank entered the market to support its currency after the announcement of a huge increase in the January wholesale price index, dealers said.

The Government reported that the wholesale price index last month for manufactured goods rose 3.2 per cent—equalling the monthly record—from December and 19.6 per cent on a year-to-year basis.

The pound's effective devaluation rate widened to 42.8 per cent from 42.7 on Friday.

The gold price rose \$2 an ounce, to close at \$134.375.

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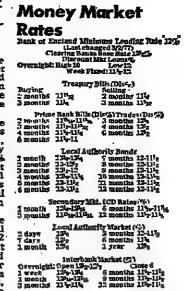
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It was another day of huge shortage for the discount marker yesterday. The Bank of England operated to relieve the stuation chiefly by rolling over the massive sums already out on loan to the discount house. It lent an exceptionally large sum at MLR to 10 or 11 houses for repayment today. In addition, the Bank bought a large quantity of Treasury bills from banks and houses along with a small amount of local authority bills and a small amount of eligible bank bills from the houses alone. The total of these bill purchases fell within the very large category.

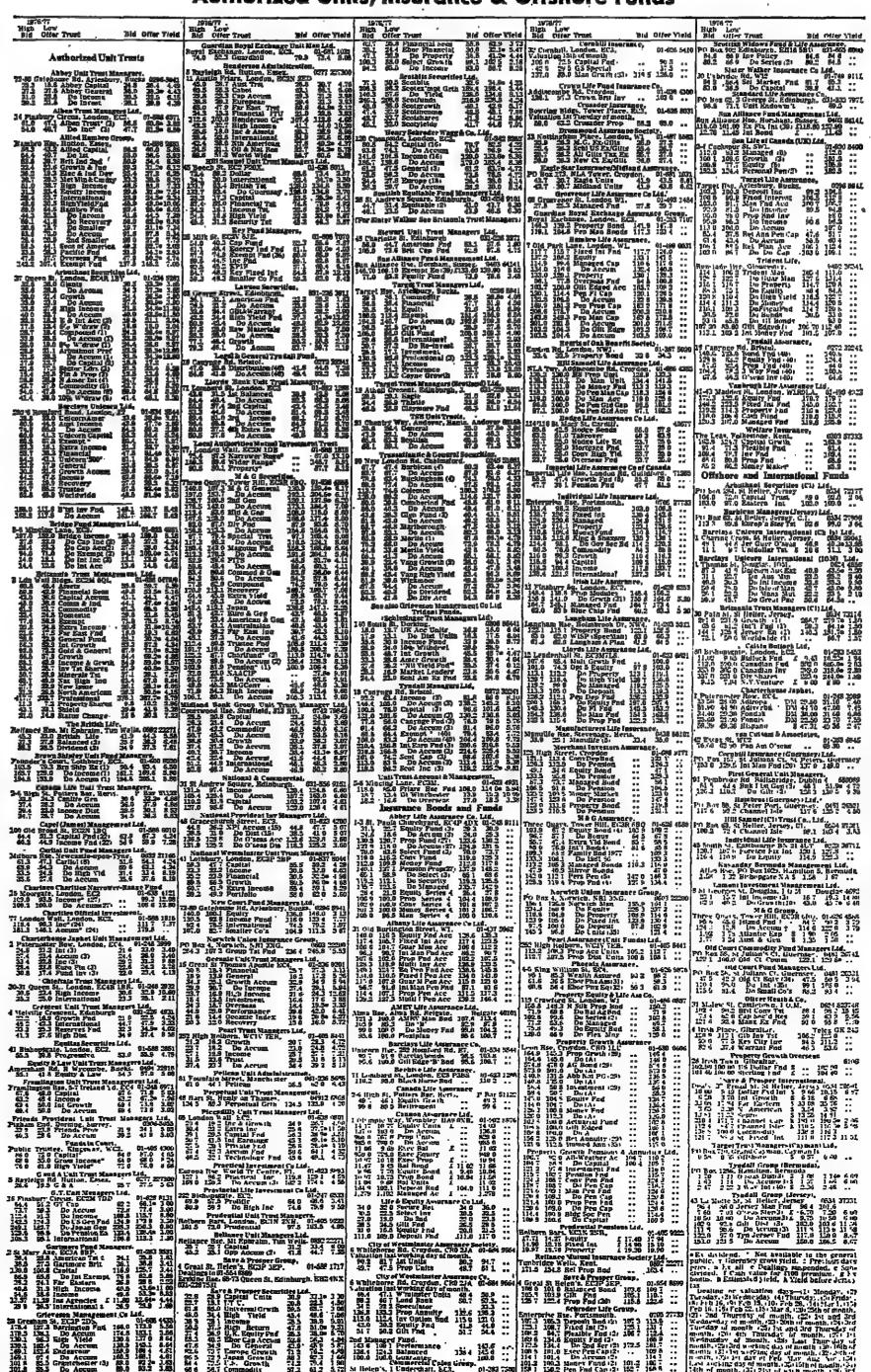
Interbank rates stayed in the 12½ per cent area nearly all day, just beyond the virtual 12 per cent limit of the discount bouses' operations in secured money. With clearing banks either flat or small callers, the houses made only very limited progress, but after the help they were able to take on a little cheap money at rates anywhere btween 5 per cent when it was at rates anywhere biween 5 per cent and 10 per cent when it was

seen that the Bank's assistance had been rather overdone. The initial handicap for the houses was obviously the obligation to repay to the Bank the large-scale 7-day loans taken the previous Monday and the exceptionally large Ioans provided on Friday. In addition, Bank balances brought over from Friday had been quite heavily run down, there was a modest Treasury bill take-up and a very small outflow of notes. There were no items of any con-sequence on the plus side. Bill dealers reported very quiet conditions. The dealing rate on "hots" had been quoted down to 3/16-1/16 earlier, but it firmed to 112-5/32 by the close.

Money Market



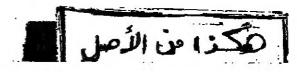
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Stock Exchange Prices

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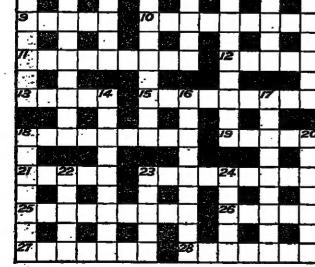
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